Residents of Rutledge College and Capstone House dealt with hot water and heating issues over the cold weekend.

With the FIXX website currently unresponsive, students said they could only call and leave messages with the automated FIXX answering service and went through their resident mentor to have the problem resolved.

First-year pharmacy student Amy Yanicak’s Rutledge apartment was without both heat and heated water this weekend, though for both issues were resolved by Sunday morning.

“Once the maintenance people found out that there is an issue, they usually are on of it really quickly,” Yanicak said. “But I think the system that informs them of what’s going on doesn’t work well enough sometimes. And I understand they can’t be on call 24/7, but for emergencies there relates.

The Horseshoe residence halls are among the oldest on campus, and they’re also the most expensive. Housing fees for Rutledge are $1,650 per semester.

“In an apartment complex, if we need our hot water or heat we have to call 911,” Yanicak said.

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“First impressions, that comes across in how you dress, how you talk, and that comes across in how you present yourself in a professional manner,” Onesto said.

“Dressing professionally is very important because people typically will make a judgment call within the first minute of knowing someone,” Lake said.

“They want to know whether you are able to represent your company in a professional manner, that comes across in how you dress, how you interact with people, how you present yourself in a professional setting, and your personal introduction stations, where they will be briefly versed on how to make a good first impression on recruiters. First impressions, Lake said, are very important.

Lacke offered other tips for students attending the event:

- Prepare resumes in hand and knowledge in mind to today’s Career Fest and Technology Fair.
- Prepare, including gathering information on the topics, getting endorsement letters from university officials and possibly passing a resolution through Student Government.
- They will also correspond with other members visiting Career in preparation.
- “As someone who believes in the Greek experience wholeheartedly, I know it is my responsibility to advocate for our community whenever and wherever I can,” Onesto said.

The application to be a member of the NIC delegation required experience in a fraternity or sorority, as well as political involvement on campus. In addition to serving as USC’s Sorority Council president, Onesto served as vice president of Sorority Council’s programming board and was vice president of education for Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

“The NIC president in the fall of 2022 will be the president of the NIC. This will be an important role because the NIC is the national leadership for Panhellenic organizations,” Onesto said.

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“I don’t even remember it ever being warm in my room since I got back from winter break,” said Haley Dwyer, a first-year management and marketing student living in Bates West. “My thermostat says that it’s 80 degrees in my dorm, but it’s definitely not. (The heat) is cranked up to 80 the entire time, so we keep in sweatsuits and a hoodie every night.”

Rutledge residents said their hot water was restored by the end of the weekend, but there was still a disconnect over the communication channels for maintenance requests.
Research office hosts student video contest

Finalists to be presented at Discovery Day; $500 prize for winner

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The Office of Research is hosting a video contest that will provide students the opportunity to research a topic they’re passionate about, share their findings and earn some cash.

Administrative Coordinator Jack Beasley said the Office of Research was looking for a way to show off great work that students are doing, as well as to raise awareness of what the Office of Research is about.

“The idea for the contest is for students to gain firsthand experiences with research and to tell their own stories to their own peers,” Beasley said.

“Research does not have to mean what comes to mind when you think of the word ‘research.’ We’re looking for creativity or for students to think of a funny way to tell their story. We want to be fun, but we also want it to have a message the student might see their video and might think it’s cool and ask themselves, ‘What can I do?’” Beasley said.

Contest finalists will show their videos to an audience at Discovery Day on April 26, when the winner will be formally announced.

The top three contest winners will be selected by a panel from USC Division of Communications, the Graduate School, the Office of Technology Commercialization, the Office of the Vice President for Research and the Office of Undergraduate Research, according to Stensland.

Cash prizes of $500, $300 and $150 will go to the top three submissions, respectively. The contest is open to both undergraduate and graduate students.

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“We are attempting to put South Carolina in a class by itself when it comes to honest government, good ethics rules and the reputation for integrity and honesty in the public office,” McMaster told WIS. Haley appointed the commission in October after ethics and state politics began drawing much attention. Members of the governor’s commission include former U.S. attorneys, state ethics commission members and media representatives.

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Boy Scout openness should be encouraged

The Boy Scouts of America increasingly feed members, is slowly but surely becoming part of history. The organization has recently started its membership in the LGBTQ area of study. After the organization that was committed to not barring gay members along with other members, our society must view it in world view just seven months ago.

When the issue comes up at a bimonthly Boy Scouts of America meeting in February, it’s the leader’s local religious and civic groups that sponsor individual Scout units who would determine whether or not to reevaluate their membership policies. Unfortunately, this means that such groups, like Catholic hospitals, could still decide to discriminate against gays and lesbians.

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Consistency needed in Catholic institutions

Religious hospital shouldn’t change position on abortion for legal defense

Abortion has long been a controversial topic in the United States. Many physicians, who believe their thought through their religious beliefs, and the Catholic Church has upheld the belief that life begins from the moment of conception and ends at death. However, a recent court case seems to entirely contradict this opinion.

A woman from Colorado named Lori Stoddle suffered a heart attack while pregnant with twins and passed away in a hospital in 2006. St. Thomas Moore Hospital doctors opted not to deliver the twins and pass them directly to gay yoods, reaffirming their value in society, and will continue to usher in an era of open-mindedness and equality. Although many may be more likely to be happy boding conflicts, giving and receiving affection and engaging in day-to-day activities with their partners.

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**Must-eats: Columbia’s tastiest local fare**

Neighborhood eateries offer city’s best for student budgets

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The city of Columbia is known for many things, lively college nightlife in Five Points, a perpetual thick layer of humidity, missing governors and, of course, our Gamecocks. Is it the pinnacle of fine dining and gourmet cuisine? Not so much. But believe it or not, there are plenty of dining spots right around the corner that you don’t spend money on — or at the bar.

Pawleys Front Porch
827 Harden St.

A Five Points’ favorite for some time now, Pawleys Front Porch was tapped on the national map when “Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives” brought local chef Guy Fieri (and his equally loud bleached hair) to the burlington joint for a television spot. And the grills haven’t stopped cooking since.

Loved by locals for its spacious front porch, draft beers and jaw-dropping menu, the Front Porch menu is a blend of tasty ingredients that guacamole, pineapple, cured ham and house-made jalapeno pimento cheese mingles with a medley of beer-battered burgers with names pulled straight from the South’s best recipes.

Crowd-pleasers like the Wadmalaw burger with chipotle barbecue sauce and fried pickle chips or the Caw Creek patty with green tomato and bacon swim alongside more hefty favorites like the Brunfort topped with a Frank’s Red Hot onion ring and tasty fried egg. And if you're dining on a budget, try to stop in on Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m., when all burgers are offered at half price.

Dano’s Pizza
2800 Rosewood Drive

Growing up in the South, many of us claim to know what real “New York-style” pizza is. And yet we still continue to order Papa John’s because we’d be betraying the man if we didn’t. Dano’s is the real deal. The restaurant opened nearly a decade ago and soon became one of the Rosewood and Shandon neighborhoods’ favorite spots for hot, hand-cut pizza at a fair price.

Now the eatery has become a weekly spot for local families, professionals and college students who enjoy pickles of cold beer on sale after a long workday or $3.99 lunches during the weekdays. Dano’s has a number of premade sandwiches.

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**New film favors battle scenes, fairy tales over believability, acting**

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The one-dimensional acting efforts from Peter Stormare as the slimy sheriff and Famke Janssen as the child-snatching witch Hansel and Gretel need to dispatch only add insult to injury. Taking the words out of Janssen’s mouth, “Once upon a time, in a [expletive] little town,” there was a really bad movie. Much like a house made out candy in the woods, it’s best to just walk on by.

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USC handed first loss of season in Ann Arbor

Danny Garrison

With a spot in the ITA National Championship on the line Sunday in Ann Arbor, South Carolina was handed its first loss of the season by the No. 31 USC and No. 8 Arizona and No. 18 Kansas State in nonconference play, but they won their sixth consecutive SEC game Saturday, blowing out Mississippi State 82-87.

Florida is No. 3 in the country in scoring defense, allowing just more than 31 points per game this season.

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Facing the Gators has some personal meaning for Martin, who called Florida “the only college basketball ever to beat me.” He pointed to a lack of aggression once the Gamecocks’ second doubles duo jumped out to an early lead as a factor in the loss.

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