er. Locations in Albemarle county, outside of Charlottesville and along I-64, got upwards of a foot of snow. Augusta County, outside of Harrisonburg and along I-81 towards Northern Virginia, saw 20 inches of snow.

High winds also were a large part of the winter storm, knocking down trees and power lines, contributing to power losses.

According to a statement released by the governor's office around noon yesterday, approximately 170,000 customers were without power in the state.

The snowfall was unseasonal, even breaking some records. According to the National Weather Service, Dulles Airport in Washington D.C. blew past a previous daily record of .2 inches with a new one of 3.5 inches.

A state of emergency authorizes state agencies to position resources for quick response throughout Virginia in case of emergency, such as holding frequent weather conference calls and preparing

**more info**

Students heading home can check road conditions by calling 511 or go to www.511virginia.org

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**The Alternative Spring Break: A Time for Service**

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Spring break is taking a turn for several students interested in doing something outside of the norm. Instead of going to the beach or sleeping in, they are using the break to serve others.

This year, students are traveling to a multitude of places including New Orleans and Los Angeles, and even overseas locations like Ecuador and Spain. The size of the student group varies from four to 20 students.

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Aldora Green works at J.P.'s Chop House in West End Market, serving hundreds of students each day with vegetables, starches and the staple, London Broil.

Aldora Green, an 81-year-old Dining Services employee, retired in 1995, yet continues to serve the Tech community at West End

Not unlike a typical grandmother, the first thing Aldora Green — known to her friends as „Granny“ — did when I met with her was make me a plate of steak and mashed potatoes.

The 81-year-old works at West End Market as a Golden Pro: someone who comes back to work after retiring. Unassuming in her collared uniform shirt and knee-length skirt, the tiny woman who works behind the counter of J.P.'s Chop House has made a large impact on campus, touching the lives of everyone she meets.

She has had close relationships with each of the presidents during her 67-year tenure at Virginia Tech and Radford, particularly with the Lavery family.

Most importantly, she has opened her home, her wallet and her heart to every student she has met. While „Granny“ is a relatively new nickname, given to her by a student who did not have a biological grandmother, she has been called „mama“ by coworkers and students for years. Even students who do not know of her history quickly get a sense of her authority.

„She just brings an authoritative presence and a presence of experience and professionalism that most student workers in the Chop Shop don’t have,“ said Jonathan Neri, a freshman political science major who began working with Green this year.

**Humility to Honor**

Green has won multiple awards, including the prestigious Presidential Service Award in 1995; the Heroine Award, an award for perfect attendance; the In the Limelight Award; the Black Caucus Outstanding Award; and the Ring Dance Appreciation Award. She has also won Radford’s...