

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 snow-fall 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 3.3 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

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



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.

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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.

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

“College is supposed to be full of experiences,” said Rachel Adell, a senior humanities, science, and environment major. “putting yourself in an immersive experience outside your comfort zone for a week has the potential to change your life.”

For the second year in a row, Adell will be leading a service trip to New Orleans. A group of 15 students affiliated with the Hillel organization at Virginia Tech will be going. In a partnership with the national organization, Rebuilding

Together, they will spend seven days attempting to revitalize the local community in any way they can.

From helping people affected by Hurricane Katrina to rejuvenating a parched terrain destroyed by forest fires, students are giving back in so many ways. A group of four students from the Baptist Collegiate Ministry is travelling to a ranch in Fort Collins, Colo. to help the community, which has been attempting to rebuild itself after being hit by a forest fire last summer.

“We’re going out there to do labor for them for a week,” said Chris Cromer, a fifth-year architecture student who will be leading the trip. “(We might be) cutting trees, moving logs or doing construction. We’re there to serve them.”

The organization Students Engaging and Responding through Volunteer Experiences has a group of approximately 15 students going to the Dominican Republic, though only half of them are members.

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Hillel at Virginia Tech partnered with Rebuilding Together last summer in New Orleans.

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