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**General Updates**

* Our journal *Samizdat* is accepting submissions, both creative and academic, until March 5th. To submit, please email your piece in Chicago footnote citation style to samizdatmcgill@gmail.com.
  + We are looking into outreach beyond McGill to the larger Russian-speaking community, and promoting *Samizdat* in other universities such as Concordia and U of T
* Sweatshirts are almost finished being designed, and will be available for purchase very soon.
* Russian Help Desk is up and running and has been met with a very positive response so far.

**Upcoming Events**

* Professor talk on Monday, February 26 at 4:30 pm in the Wendy Patrick Room in Wilson Hall. Professor Nick Kupensky from Bowdoin College will be discussing a Soviet dam project in Ukraine and its legacy and lasting impact in free Ukraine.
* Professor talk on February 20th about the Russian gothic.
* Russian movie nights and conversation club will be continuing this semester; the final schedule is still in progress but will be released this week.

**Upcoming Initiatives**

* We are potentially going to have a launch party for *Samizdat* as well as a second Russian Evening this semester, since the last one was very well attended and received. More details to follow.

Respectfully Submitted,

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