

## Ukrainian Catholic priest hosts talk at Saint Vincent Basilica

Sean Callahan, News Editor



Hundreds of attendees observe as Fr. Oleh Seremchuk closes the evening prayer service in the Parish Assembly Room of the Basilica. (SOURCE: CALLAHAN)

On Feb. 24, at 3 a.m. (UTC time zone), President Vladimir Putin of Russia authorized what he called a 'special military operation' against Ukraine, the southern neighbor of Russia. Not long after, Russian soldiers and military vehicles—having congregated on the Ukrainian border for over a month prior to the attack—crossed into Ukrainian territory from multiple directions. Many world leaders and news outlets, including BBC.com, have agreed that the conflict is an invasion. In 2014, Russia annexed Crimea, a largely Russian-backed area of Ukraine,

and a war between Russian separatists and Ukrainian forces has continued since then.

Putin has made several justifications for the ongoing invasion, including a desire to 'demilitarize' and 'de-nazify' Ukraine, and wanting to ensure Ukraine does not join NATO (National Atlantic Treaty Organization), a military alliance currently established among 28 European and two North American countries. The invasion has received condemnation from numerous countries and world leaders, including the United States.

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## A chaotic upgrade: The switch to new Wi-Fi

Elizabeth Van Pilsum, Staff Writer

Spring break is often a time to reset and refresh for the coming semester. However, students discovered that, after the Wi-Fi had been changed on campus during break, they would need to reset and refresh their devices, too. And for some students, this Wi-Fi switch ended up causing more trouble than expected, begging the question: Is the upgrade worth the issues?

According to Justin Fabin of Saint Vincent's IT department, the Wi-Fi switch was made due to ResNet's partnership with Apogee, the new Wi-Fi providers. Their partnership dictates that networking equipment be refreshed every five years, and because SVC's previous refresh took place in 2017, the equipment was due for an upgrade this spring. This upgrade included support for updated secure Wi-Fi standards, MyResnet.com - 508 Compliance for students with disabilities and more, all aimed at improving the services provided to SVC students.

However, despite the good intentions behind the new Wi-Fi, many students have found the *Continued on page 3*



# NEWS

## SVC community urged to donate to Ukraine

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Military and foreign policy analysts agree that Russia is meeting fierce resistance by Ukrainian forces and continues to make little progress as of Mar. 20, but whether this trend will continue is to be determined. As of Mar. 18, USA Today reports that well over 3 million Ukrainian refugees are fleeing to neighboring countries, such as Poland, Romania, Hungary and Slovakia. Heavy artillery bombardments of Ukrainian cities are also a common report among correspondents covering the conflict.

Fr. Oleh Seremchuk, a Ukrainian Orthodox Catholic priest and native of Ukraine, who now resides in the United States, led a prayer service at 7 p.m. on Mar. 15 in the Saint Vincent Basilica. The SVC community was invited to hear Seremchuk's testimony.

Hundreds of people attended, including off-campus visitors and SVC students, seminarians, staff and faculty.

The prayer service ended by 7:30 p.m., and Seremchuk then recounted his experience at the beginning of the Russian invasion to the attendees and described what has happened since then.

Seremchuk was quick to clarify that conflict between Russia and Ukraine was not unheard of, referring to Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014 and the battles around this area that have continued. But he emphasized that an invasion of this scale had not been witnessed before. The destruction was unprecedented and jarring.

"Russia said they were aiming for military targets, military bases. That is not true," Seremchuk said. "They are bombing houses, hospitals, schools, orphanages. They have been doing this for twenty

days."

Seremchuk emphasized the losses many Ukrainians have suffered, including the millions who have fled the country. He mentioned the destruction of hundreds of apartment buildings and homes within the first few days of the invasion. Ukrainian civilians are still in peril, including children, many of whom are unable to flee the country due to bombings or the nearby presence of Russian forces.

"For more than two weeks, some of them have had to go without food, without water. They cannot even go outside to see the sun," Seremchuk said.

He recounted stories including that of an unarmed man who had gone out on the street for a walk and was killed by a Russian tank. Seremchuk explained that the constant violence feels pointless to him, even regarding the goals of Russian leaders. He does not understand how unity can occur between Russia and Ukraine when Russia's military is killing the Ukrainian people.

Seremchuk also has mixed feelings regarding being in the United States. His parish, home and many people important to him are still in Ukraine.

"Someone once said to me, 'it's good for you because you're far away from Ukraine. You're safe here.' But some of my family is still in Ukraine. My wife's two sisters and her family are in Ukraine," Seremchuk said.

He has a personal connection among the Ukrainians defending the country, too.

"My brother is fighting in the war in the army. Sometimes all I hear from him is one text, 'I'm okay,' and that's it. That has to be enough," Seremchuk said.

Despite the chaos in his homeland, Seremchuk is also hopeful about Ukraine resistance. Other countries estimated Ukraine would last two to three days, but almost three weeks have passed, and major cities such as the capital, Kyiv, are still far from Russian control.

"There has been a lot of resistance, and it is not just from soldiers. It is from regular people fighting back, trying to protect their country, their land and their families," Seremchuk said.

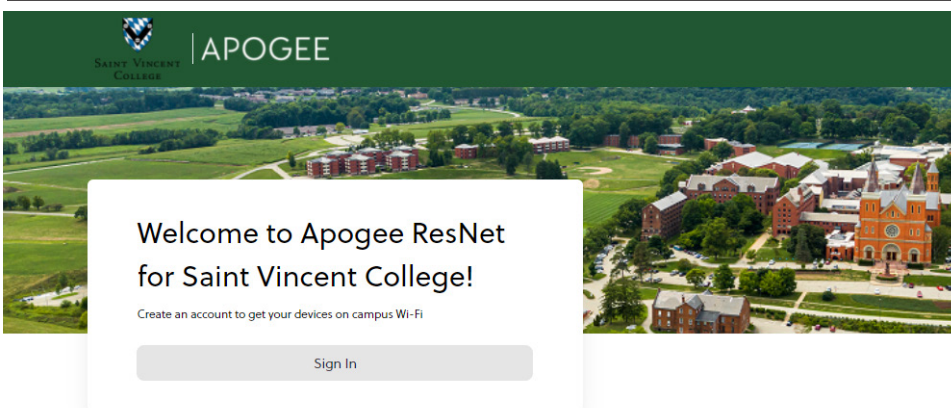
Seremchuk urged the attendees to pray for Ukraine, for an end to the destruction and for the recovery and safety of all Ukrainian people, including refugees, multiple times throughout the talk. Monetary donations for Ukraine were also encouraged by the Basilica priests.

On Mar. 10, Dr. Jeff Mallory, Executive Vice President, sent out an email detailing efforts—spearheaded by the Education Department—carried out by various campus organizations and clubs to collect donated items for Ukrainian refugees. On Mar. 17, Mallory updated the email, thanking the SVC community and citing "overwhelming" donations. Toiletries, personal hygiene items and non-perishable foods are the highest priority as of Mar. 20.

Physical donations should be dropped off at the Fred Rogers Center between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., and they will continue to be accepted until Mar. 28. Monetary donations—used to purchase items still needed—can be sent to the Education Department of SVC. Email [joan.roach@stvincent.edu](mailto:joan.roach@stvincent.edu) or contact the Education Department for inquiries or more information regarding the donations.

# Students experience increased technological difficulties

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## Get Connected

Apogee ResNet is partnered with SVC to provide Wi-Fi. (SOURCE: VAN PILSUM)

switch difficult. As of Mar. 10, 924 student accounts were registered with Apogee and 2,507 devices were registered (about 3 per student). Of those students, 179 struggled enough to open a support case with IT.

According to Fabin, the IT department currently has “six open tickets undergoing root-cause analysis via Apogee’s support engineering team to determine why the devices are having issues.” Out of these six open tickets, five are for gaming consoles and one is for a laptop. However, Fabin is confident these problems can be solved and that students do not have to worry about continued issues with the Wi-Fi.

While the IT department is very

satisfied with the new updates to the equipment, not all students would say the same. Julia Wise, junior English major, struggled greatly with her Wi-Fi.

“No matter what I did, I couldn’t get my phone to properly connect, so I was using my data for about three days. Inconveniently, any apps using my school account just refused to function without the Wi-Fi, and I had homework assignments that I needed to submit. I couldn’t [submit them] in the dorms, but [I] was able to on the regular Saint Vincent Wi-Fi,” Wise said.

Wise also experienced issues receiving emails due to the Wi-Fi.

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# The switch to new Wi-Fi

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She was ultimately able to connect her devices successfully, but Wise had to go through the setting-up process twice before her laptop would remain connected. Currently, Wise needs to manually reconnect her devices to Wi-Fi every time she has been away from her room for a while. Due to her stressful experience, Wise described the switch as “a lot more hassle than help so far.”

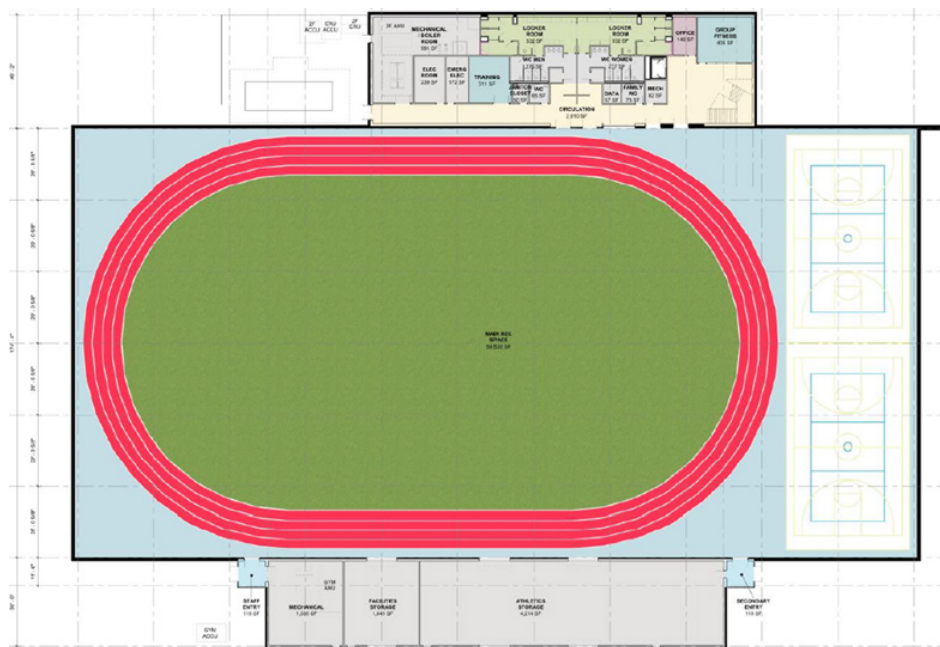
The main issue with the new Wi-Fi appears to be that a great number of students must manually reconnect their devices to Wi-Fi every time they enter a new building. However, due to the college’s expanding partnership with Apogee, students will only have one Wi-Fi network that will span over the entirety of campus as soon as summer 2022, meaning students will no longer have to connect to different networks depending on if they are in their dorm or another building. Though this update should greatly improve the students’ experiences with the Wi-Fi, it does not help with the difficulties students are experiencing this semester; however, it does provide some hope for next year.

Overall, Fabin firmly believes the upgrade was needed and that all problems students are currently having should be resolved shortly.

“Through our partnership with Apogee, we believe it is worthwhile to provide these scheduled technology refreshes to the students ensuring new, state of the art networking equipment along with the continual improvement of services,” Fabin said.

# New athletic facility on the way

David Collins, *Part-Time Staff Writer*



This is a model of the new Dunlap Family Center. (SOURCE: HOLLENBAUGH)

Saint Vincent College has announced plans to open a brand-new athletic facility for students next to the Fred Rogers Center. The facility will be called The Dunlap Family Athletic and Recreation Center, with the Dunlap family being the lead donor to the project.

Dave Hollenbaugh, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, has been closely involved with the project, working in conjunction with the president and the athletic department in the undertaking to raise funds for the facility. He reported that this project has been in the

works for a while.

“The planning has been in progress for a couple of years. We’ve talked about an indoor athletic facility for quite some time, and there have been several different ideas for it,” Hollenbaugh said. “And now we’re turning it into a reality.”

As it stands currently, the Carey Center houses all indoor athletic activities. No significant changes will be made to the active athletic facilities currently in Carey. The intent of the new facility is to create more athletic opportunities, not to replace

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# Construction on Dunlap Family Athletic and Recreation Center to begin soon

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The SVC community is planning to open the Dunlap Family Athletic and Recreational Center during the summer of 2023. (SOURCE: SVC)

the current Carey Center athletic facilities.

The addition of a new facility will provide more space for the varsity teams to practice—particularly in the event of inclement weather—and more opportunities for intramural teams to emerge as a result, hopefully benefitting the entirety of the college community.

The Dunlap Family Center will contain one large multi-purpose main space with an adjunct building attached.

“There’s a playing surface, and then there is a wing building. So, in that playing surface, there is a significant amount of turf, and it will be available for a multitude of sports, anything that could be on turf, if there is any game going on for soccer, lacrosse, football, etc.,” Hollenbaugh said.

There will also be space for traditionally indoor sports. Along with a recreational track, a few sport courts will be built as well, made of a composite material serviceable for basketball or volleyball. The wing building will feature various training rooms, fit for yoga, Pilates, cardio equipment and various fitness classes.

Hollenbaugh explained that construction for this project will begin very soon.

“We hope to have ground breaking early this summer. And the construction term will take twelve months. Then we’re hoping that it is usable for fall 2023,” Hollenbaugh said.

According to this timeline, current freshmen and sophomores should be able to experience and take advantage of this facility during their SVC tenure, as well as all future SVC students.

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# A gut-wrenching time at Saint Vincent

Delaney Fox, Staff Writer



The Wellness Center is located on the first floor of the Carey Center. (SOURCE: LIPETZKY)

With the return from spring break and the implementation of the new optional masking policy, many students expressed concerns about a potential rise in COVID-19 cases. However, students were taken by surprise when cases of viral gastroenteritis, colloquially known as the stomach flu, began to rise instead.

Many students have reported symptoms consistent with the stomach flu or food poisoning since the return from spring break, including stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting and sometimes fever.

Gretchen Flock, Director of Wellness, said that the Wellness Center has been screening incoming cases to assess for food poisoning. Due to the variety of locations that students had eaten at, they diagnosed students with the stomach flu.

“There is no effective treatment for it,

but over the counter medicines can offer some help for the symptoms,” Flock said. “If you are unable to keep food or water down for 24 hours, monitor yourself for dehydration and seek assistance.”

The stomach flu is spread through contact with an infected person and usually lasts one to two days. Students who become dehydrated or need to seek assistance for stomach flu-related symptoms should contact the Wellness Center or other local health care entities.

The Wellness Center posted additional information concerning viral gastroenteritis symptoms and prevention on the MySV Portal on Mar. 18.

In addition to the stomach flu, Flock said that there has been a general “increase in illness” on campus, which was expected after the introduction of the

optional masking policy.

Kyra Lipetzky, sophomore English and marketing major, was one of the students affected by the stomach flu outbreak on campus.

“It was pretty disappointing to get sick right after returning from spring break. You’d expect to be refreshed and ready to finish the rest of the semester, but that idea goes right out the window when it comes to a stomach bug,” Lipetzky said. “It wasn’t just academics that I’ve missed out on either, but lacrosse games and even my own birthday celebration.”

Brynne Taylor, junior early childhood education major, was one of the students affected by a non-stomach flu related illness after returning from spring break.

“I think I just had a bad cold. The stress of returning to school and the changing weather were things that brought it on, and I think being around everyone without wearing masks was part of it too,” Taylor said. “Without having to wear masks, it seems like everyone has dropped their guards a little bit when it comes to sickness.”

The Wellness Center is encouraging students to continue to use good hand hygiene and maintain clean environments to stay well throughout the year and to finish the semester healthy.

## Correction

A *Review* article published on Mar. 21 suggested that Fr. Brian Boosel would be speaking at an event for the First Annual Women’s Week. However, while the poster advertising the event listed Boosel as a speaker, he was not scheduled to speak at this event.

# SPORTS

## Softball opens season strong

Luke Mich, *Sports Editor*



Olivia Persin, sophomore mathematics and computer science and data science major, gets a hit in a game against La Roche. (SOURCE: ATHLETICS.STVINCENT.EDU)

Over the past few weeks, Saint Vincent College has hosted multiple sporting events on the outdoor fields—events which include the beginning of the Bearcats softball team’s regular season. So far, the team’s campaign has started off swinging.

“We opened the season in good fashion by sweeping our double-header against Penn State Greater Allegheny. We’re excited to get into the season,” infielder Mary Maceda, senior engineering major, said.

After winning their first two games, the team did not play again until twelve days later, on Mar. 17, against Penn State Fayette. Like the previous series, Saint Vincent won both games with scores of 9-1 and 5-0. Next, they swept a two-

game series against La Roche on Mar. 19, giving the team a 6-0 record.

“Everyone is excited. Team morale is great, and our team lifts each other up well,” Maceda said.

Not far removed from their last PAC title in 2019, the team’s goal is to make it to the conference championship game and win back the trophy. For some players, it would be their second championship, including Maceda.

“As a team, we want to get back to the playoffs, and it would be awesome to win PACs because for the seniors, they will have won twice since they won our freshman year.”

The Bearcats will play non-conference games until a two-game series at Grove City on Apr. 2. After

that, all matchups will be conference games.

Yet, games are not the only events that players are looking forward to. Other events that will occur this spring, such as Senior Night, are generating excitement.

“I am looking forward to Senior Night. It’s one of those milestones where you really feel like you’ve accomplished something,” Maceda said. “Four years of training and

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- Mary Maceda

playing is a lot of time, effort and discipline, and the culmination of it all is definitely something to be proud of.”

With games occurring at a much faster rate, with as many as eight games in eight days at some points, the season will get chaotic. Maceda, however, believes that if the team helps each other out, then the whole squad will experience success this season.

“Our team is incredibly talented, so as long as we can continue to lift each other up and have each other’s back, our season should be successful,” Maceda said.

# Team Standings

## Baseball

Team	W	L	Streak
Chatham	6	1	W2
Grove City	9	3	W6
Franciscan	7	3	L2
W&J	6	4	W1
Bethany	5	5	W3
Thiel	4	4	W1
Westminster	3	4	L2
Saint Vincent	4	6	L4
Geneva	4	9	L1
Waynesburg	3	8	L2

**Schedule:** @W&J 3/26 1 and 4 PM, W&J 3/27 1 PM, Geneva 3/29 1 and 4 PM

## Softball

Team	W	L	Streak
Saint Vincent	6	0	W6
W&J	2	0	W2
Westminster	8	1	W4
Thiel	5	1	W1
Waynesburg	11	4	L1
Geneva	6	4	L2
Bethany	6	5	L2
Grove City	6	6	W4
Chatham	5	7	L1
Franciscan	1	7	L1

**Schedule:** Pitt-Greensburg 3/23 3 PM, @PSU Altoona 3/26 1 PM, Juniata 3/29 3 PM

## Men's Volleyball

Team	W	L	Streak
PSU Behrend	16	5	W6
PSU Altoona	12	7	W4
Geneva	14	11	W2
Hiram	13	11	L1
Thiel	7	14	W1
Medaille	6	14	L3
Saint Vincent	4	14	L1
Mt. Aloysius	4	15	L2
Hilbert	2	14	L1

**Schedule:** @Mount Aloysius 3/23 7 PM, @PSU Behrend 3/26 Noon, @Thiel 3/26 2:30 PM

## Women's Lacrosse

Team	W	L	Streak
Grove City	5	1	W5
Chatham	3	1	W2
Saint Vincent	4	2	L1
Thiel	2	1	W2
Westminster	2	2	W1
Franciscan	2	2	W2
Bethany	4	4	L3
W&J	1	4	L1
Waynesburg	0	2	L2

**Schedule:** @Grove City 3/24 7 PM, @Lycoming 3/27 2 PM, @Franciscan 4/2 1 PM

## Men's Lacrosse

Team	W	L	Streak
Saint Vincent	5	0	W5
Westminster	4	1	W3
Bethany	4	2	W2
Grove City	5	4	W3
W&J	3	3	W3
Thiel	2	3	L1
Franciscan	2	3	L2
Chatham	2	5	W1

**Schedule:** @Allegheny 3/29 7 PM, @Grove City 4/2 3 PM, Bethany 4/9 Noon

## Men's Tennis

Team	W	L	Streak
Westminster	4	1	W4
Grove City	5	2	W2
Saint Vincent	4	3	L3
Waynesburg	2	2	W1
Franciscan	3	5	L2
Geneva	1	3	W1
W&J	1	4	L1
Thiel	1	2	L2

**Schedule:** @Waynesburg 3/25 4 PM, @DeSales 3/26 12:30 PM, @Thiel 3/27

## Men's Outdoor Track & Field

**Schedule:** @Carnegie Mellon 3/25 6 PM, @Carnegie Mellon 3/26 Noon, @Slippery Rock 4/2 9 AM

## Women's Outdoor Track & Field

**Schedule:** @Carnegie Mellon 3/25 6 PM, @Carnegie Mellon 3/26 Noon, @Slippery Rock 4/2 9 AM

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