

## CAMPUS CONNECTIONS



### *ESL students go wild*

Every place is a learning opportunity for people who are learning a new language, so why not have a little fun in the process? The ESL students from Divine Word College took a field trip to Niabi Zoo in Coal Valley, Illinois in the fall to observe new animals and learn new words. It was also an opportunity for students to read about the animals and practice conversations with native English-speakers who work there. Field trips are a wonderful opportunity for DWC students to explore a variety of attractions in the Midwest.



### *All are welcome*

Earlier this school year, College administrators decided to remove sections of the fence around campus. College President Fr. Tom Ascheman, SVD said the barrier sent an unwanted message that students needed to stay inside and the community was unwelcome on the property. As future missionaries, he said students should be developing a welcoming attitude, not shutting themselves away. Local high school students volunteered to help take down the fence and the materials were donated to local farmers and other businesses.



### *An education connection*

From time to time, Divine Word College instructors partner with other area colleges for the mutual benefit of all students. This school year, the Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) students from Emmaus Bible College in Dubuque observed ESL classes at Divine Word to meet their practicum requirement. In addition, a DWC reading class met with a cross-cultural psychology class from Loras College. These experiences allow students to interact with peers while enriching the education they're receiving here at DWC.



### *Bless this home*

Dozens of people gathered in October for the rededication and blessing of DWC's Megan Hall. Thanks to many generous benefactors like you, the century-old residence hall was updated with new siding, gutters and insulation, among other improvements. The religious sisters who live in the building even offered tours to those in attendance. Thanks to all who helped freshen up this seasoned building so it can continue to serve as a safe and comfortable home for DWC students.