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SUU New World Home Designer Matt Edwards, Student Assistant Joseph Palmer, Faculty Design Consultant Richard Cozzens and Architectural Design Consultant John Sargent pose in a new home on University Boulevard.

Construction Management Professional in Residence Matt Edwards works with faculty and students in Construction Management projects on campus and in Mexico. Edwards,

who has been at SUU for about four years, said he likes to teach students and help them achieve their goals within the Construction Management major.

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Technology Professional in Residence Richard Cozzens has known and worked with Edwards in the Technology department for about four years.

Cozzens said some experiences he has had with Edwards includes building a house in Mexico on a 2008 Alternative Spring Break with Construction Management Assistant Professor Boyd Fife, participating in the College of Computing, Integrated Engineering & Technology Cardboard Boat Race and housing projects.

He said he and Edwards are both working on their Ph.D.s from LMU and he was a part of the team to build the New World

Home last semester. Cozzens said Edwards has added a lot of new energy to the department and college.

"The Construction Management Program has always been a strong program," he said. "Matt has been able to add more of a commercial construction management experience to an already strong Residential Construction Management program previously developed by Boyd Fife."

Cozzens said he believes professor Edwards and Fife complement each other and together are able to give students all the tools needed to be a success in the construction management industry.

"He is not afraid to try something new and is willing to do what it takes to make it work," Cozzens said.

# TOOL TIME

## CIET educator known for leading example to students and staff

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Among campus faculty, Construction Management Professional in Residence Matt Edwards is known for his leading example and giving students hands-on experience. Edwards said he likes working with students to help them innovate in their study efforts. "I want to help students learn to draw outside the lines and step outside the box when appropriate," he said. Edwards said construction management can be

a diverse degree with extensive possibilities, but no matter what students would like to achieve within the program he wants to help them achieve their goals. "I want to help them find what fits their personality," he said. Edwards said he was given his present job title this semester. Previously, he was assistant to the provost for international affairs involving construction. His responsibilities include being a professor, which he has been since he came to the university in 2007, and managing construction projects.

He said he works with investors for the Construction Management program to provide a more professional outlook for the program. Edwards said a lot is happening with SUU's Construction Management presently. "(Investors) want to use SUU Construction to design a new home that can be built in third-world countries." One home built last semester stands near the university. He said one of the favorite memories he has had at SUU was the opportunity to design and build the New

World Home that "would change how the world looks at construction." Edwards said during his time at the university he hopes to help SUU serve and be known worldwide. Edwards, a California native, said before accepting a position at SUU he had construction management jobs in California, was Escalante High School's wood shop teacher from 2008 to 2002, was a district counselor in Idaho and was a school counselor and teacher at Pine View High School. He said he was first offered the job at SUU when he

taught in Escalante, but chose not to accept it at that time. Edwards said he received a bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University, a master's degree from Utah State University and a certificate in secondary administration endorsement from SUU. He was accepted to Leeds Metropolitan University in Leeds, England to work on his Ph.D. Edwards said he will do classes online, but will also have the opportunity to go to LMU's campus as well. CAD/CAM Engineering See BUILD, Page 8