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**Rory Larson named Cougar men's basketball assistant coach**

*Summary: Men's head basketball coach Paul Grove announced that Rory Larson has been hired as the assistant men's basketball coach for the Cougars. Both of Larson's parents attended UMM.*

(July 31, 2007)-University of Minnesota, Morris men's head basketball coach Paul Grove announced that Rory Larson has been hired as the assistant men's basketball coach for the Cougars.

A native of St. Francis, Larson comes to UMM after spending the past two seasons as a graduate assistant at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall.

A graduate of Southwest Minnesota State, Larson holds a bachelor's degree in sociology and justice administration (2004) and a master's degree in education and sports leadership (2007).

He played basketball at SMSU, serving as a team captain in 2003-2004, and was a member of the Mustangs team that participated in the NCAA Division II Elite Eight.

Larson has some family connections to UMM. His father, Ron, originally from Kensington, is a graduate of UMM where he played football. Larson's mother, Lani, originally from Little Falls, also attended UMM.

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