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Summary:

(September 23, 2004)-The University of Minnesota, Morris welcomes David Swenson, the new director of Student Activities.

Prior to coming to UMM, Swenson was the associate director of the Smith Campus Center and Student Programs for Pomona College, a small private liberal arts college in California, for the last seven years. He received a bachelor of arts degree in theater from Missouri Southern State College, and also a master of science degree in counseling at Pittsburg State University.

Searching for a director level position at a small liberal arts college, Swenson chose to come to UMM. He is impressed with the campus and felt welcomed by students, faculty, and staff.

Swenson was impressed with new student orientation. UMM did an "amazing job of welcoming first year students and their parents," said Swenson.

Swenson highly recommends UMM. It is every bit as impressive as comparable schools, but at a lower cost for students. He finds UMM's "commitment to diversity and quality education appealing." He thinks UMM has "amazing potential" and sees "opportunity to do some pretty wonderful things."

Student Activities is an important part of UMM. It provides "enriching co-curricular opportunities outside of the classroom. We strive to provide educational, cultural, recreational and social programs to help students learn and grow as complete individuals."

Swenson is primarily observing to "see how things work then strive to improve them." One of his goals is to both keep and discover the culture of the UMM campus. In the future, Swenson sees "support for the educational mission of the campus, a firm commitment to diversity, flexibility, use of technology, and a shared vision built by all stake holders" as the five core tenets of a successful student activities program.

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