

# Carr switches spots for interview

WXII sports anchor Tolly Carr was made for his job. After all, he grew up watching the news in a different way than most of us did. We mainly watched the news because something we wanted to watch came on afterward. But, not Tolly. He watched the news in anticipation of the sports segment.

He wasn't an overnight success, though. He started out with the campus radio station, broadcasting WSSU football and basketball games. He then got a gig with 97.1 WQMG in Greensboro. He was the local voice of the nationally syndicated "Tom Joyner Show" for that station. But, Tolly wanted more. So he quit his full-time job to try to pursue his dream of being on television. Carr worked his way up the chain at WXII. He even used to sneak demo tapes of events under the news directors' door in hopes of someday becoming a sports anchor.

Well, that day has come. And, Tolly is one of the most animated analysts in the state. He and I sat down for a conversation earlier this week to talk about the road he took to get on TV, and where he might be thinking about taking his act in the future.

**Anthony:** What's going on, Tolly?

**Tolly:** Uh, new. There's absolutely nothing new that I can think of. (Both laugh.) Well, I shaved my mustache. That's the only new thing that I can think of.

**Anthony:** A lot of people were probably wondering why you shaved your mustache. Why did you do that?

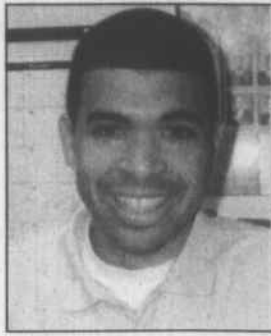
**Tolly:** I just decided to do one day. When I first got into TV about three years ago, everybody was like, you've got to shave your mustache. I said that I wasn't shaving my mustache. Black people don't look right without a mustache. (Both laugh.) I had like a beard. Well, it wasn't a beard. It was kind of what you have, except mine didn't connect. I shaved my chin, but decided to keep my mustache. And, I

shaved my mustache while I was on vacation. But, I'd been thinking about it for a while, so I just decided to do it. It makes me look a lot younger.

**Anthony:** (Smiles.) So, you didn't accidentally shave too close and figure that you had to just cut it off?

**Tolly:** No, no. (Laughs.) That's what my barber thought. That was the main thing I was concerned about. I knew they were going to give me a hard time at the barber-shop. And, they did. (Pause.) That's really been the highlight of my summer: shaving my mustache. (Both laugh.)

**Anthony:** OK. Tolly, everyone knows you as the sports anchor on WXII. Tell



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ing with 97.1. I was doing the "Tom Joyner Show," which was cool, but I needed another challenge in my life. My

TV. I would like to stay in television, but maybe something outside of sports.

**Anthony:** Like what?

**Tolly:** I'd like to do something involving entertainment. I think one of my strong points is ad-libbing. I think I speak better when I'm just making it up. I'd like to do something a little more laid back. I'd also like to do something that's a little more opinionated and have a little more fun. For what we do, you can only say so much. I probably push the envelope more than anyone else.

**Anthony:** (Laughs.) Probably.

**Tolly:** But, uh — I know where that line is drawn. I don't know. I would like to do something different next.

**Anthony:** OK. Let's talk about your alma mater for a moment. How do you think they'll do in football this season?

**Tolly:** I think they'll be a lot better this year than they were last year. I was actually surprised that they were able to get Monte Purvis and Jed Bines from Parkland. I remember going to Parkland's first practice last year, and they weren't there because they were on a recruiting trip at like, Purdue or something. So, I was really expecting those kids to go D-I. Not to knock Winston-Salem State, but I was pleasantly surprised.

**Anthony:** What about Wake Forest? How well will they do for the next couple of years? With the addition of Miami and Virginia Tech, does that kind of mean that Wake will never win a conference title in football?

**Tolly:** (Laughs.) I don't know. They've done really well since Grobe has gotten there. I can definitely tell a difference in their conditioning. Time will tell whether or not he's a good recruiter. I think Miami and Florida State will evenly destroy everybody.

**Anthony:** What sport or sports can you play?

**Tolly:** I play basketball. I

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me how long you've actually wanted to do that job. I've heard everything from 6 years old to your final year in college.

**Tolly:** It's kind of funny how it all happen for me. See, I grew up with my grandmother, and they used to watch the news all the time. It was all boring to me, but when the sports guy came on he was animated and really lively. That's what grabbed my attention. I never really thought that I could do it, though. I guess that was because I never saw any black people doing it. It was all white guys. It wasn't that I didn't think I could do it. I just didn't have anybody to identify with. I've always wanted to do it, but I guess I didn't really believe I could do until college.

**Anthony:** What made you realize that you didn't want to do radio anymore? What made you leap to television like you did?

**Tolly:** When I was work-

roommate at the time was a photographer at channel 12. He told me that I should try to get a job there and work my way up. So, I quit my full-time job and went to the TV station part time. I was like a production assistant at first. I was about 24 at the time. I figured I was young enough to take a step backwards. I used to make demo tapes and slip them under the door of the production manager. And, I knew they were never going to air, but I wanted to show him how good I could be. It only took me about eight months to get on the air.

**Anthony:** That's not bad. So, what are your future plans? Do you want to stay with WXII or do you see ESPN or something in your future?

**Tolly:** I would like to do something outside of sports. Sport is cool, but I'm the type of person that's always looking for a different challenge. I've done radio and I've done

# WSSU names Tonia Walker associate director of athletics

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The Winston-Salem State University Athletic Department announced that Tonia Walker was named the Associate Director of Athletics effective tomorrow (Aug. 1).

"I'm ecstatic about the opportunity to serve Winston-Salem State University in the capacity of Associate Director of Athletics and Senior Woman Administrator, Walker said. "This opportunity positions me one step closer in my career track of becoming a future Director of Athletics. The growth of this University coupled with the aggressive vision of Dr. Martin is refreshing and promotes an atmosphere of teamwork for all of the University administrators. Working with Dr. Caldwell has been a joy in my past role as a coach/administrator and I look forward to joining him as a full time administrator as we further enhance the image of Winston-Salem State Athletics."

Walker, currently serving an appointment as the Assistant Director of Athletics and the department's Senior Woman Administrator, as well as serving as the Head Coach of the Women's Volleyball Program has been an integral part of the WSSU Athletic Department's return to greatness instituted by Director of Athletics Dr. Percy "Chico" Caldwell and Chancellor, Dr. Harold L. Martin Sr. She will give up her duties as Head Volleyball Coach, but will take on even more responsibilities within the department as she and Dr. Caldwell take the Athletic Department to new heights as they follow the motto of 2003, "Why Be Ordinary, Be Extraordinary - Expect More."

She joined the Rams athletic staff in August 2000 coming from the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) headquarters where she began her career in 1993. During her three years at WSSU, she performed various administrative duties, including securing valuable sponsorships for the athletic department as well as being charged as the liaison for the WSSU Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, a body formed to act as a vehicle of communication between the department of athletics and the student-athletes. They are responsible for promoting student-athlete involvement, community service activities



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and projects for the university. She has single-handedly built the SAAC into one of the most powerful voices of the WSSU Athletic Department. In addition to her duties she helped to guide the WSSU Volleyball team to their best record in school history last season.

"For me, I am extremely happy to, firstly, have the Associate Director of Athletics position approved, and then to have Tonia Walker interview for, impress the search committee, and ultimately, accept the position as a senior level administrator," WSSU athletic director Percy "Chico" Caldwell said. "I am thrilled to see someone who is as excited about athletic administration as she is, and to have someone with her proven track record as an administrator is a huge bonus for the athletic department and the university as a whole. With the athletics program growing as it is, and to have someone with her capabilities to manage in this department is priceless. She is a proven fundraiser, possesses excellent people and management skills and will be a huge asset to this department in its' vision for the future."

A native of Newberry, SC, Tonia earned a B.A. degree in communicative sciences and disorders from Hampton University and went on to attain a M.S. in Sports Management from Old Dominion University in 1998.

Tonia is married to Wayne Walker, Sr. of Petersburg, VA. Together they have two children, Daijah and Wayne, Jr.

"Once we get all the details sorted out, we can share responsibilities within the department and focus on improving the quality of our program," concluded Caldwell. "With her appointment we will get even better as we focus on the vision - 'Why Be Ordinary, Be Extraordinary, Expect More.'"

# Tiny Indians to hold first practice Friday

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

It's finally time for the Tiny Indians to hit the field: the practice field.

The Indians will hold their first practice of the season tomorrow (Aug. 1). The session will be from 6 to 8:30 p.m.. Extension for sign-ups is also in effect. All paper work (certified birth certificates, proof of physicals if not having one at the field and a report card with all four quarters showing promotion to next grade need to be turned. A child can not practice without a physical or play. The doctor will be available from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.. The doctors will conduct

cheerleader's and player's physicals for \$10. Cash or money order will be needed to pay. Any other teams who need physicals are welcome to bring their squad, but they

open, but only the Jr. Midget and Midgets are open for football. The fees are \$110 for Flag and \$130 for Mitey-Mite through Midget.

For more information contact league representatives. Call Sarah Jackson at 407-3298 or Leonard Green at 765-7515.

# Bulldogs to hold another sign-up

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Time is running out for the kids who want to be a Bulldog this season.

The Winston-Salem Bulldogs will hold sign-ups at Hill Middle School for the second-straight week. They will continue to have registration today through Saturday.

Team and cheerleading registration will be from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30

tonight and tomorrow. On Saturday, it will be from 10:30 until 2 p.m. Practice will begin on Aug. 4. Today is the final day for physicals. The doctors will be on location from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m.

Fee for football and cheerleading is \$125. The cost for flag football is \$90. Contact Marcus or Jerry Thornton at 761-8497 for more football information. Call Sabrina Pinson at 995-3861 for more cheerleading information.

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