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Carrboro manager cleared

By LYNNE THOMSON
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Carrboro Town Manager Richard Hunter narrowly survived a vote of confidence June 16, when the Board of Aldermen cleared him of allegations of improper use of town vehicles, profiting from moving expenses and neither living in the town nor paying Carrboro property taxes.

The vote was split 3-3, with members voting along faction lines drawn in the last election (the Association for a Better Carrboro and the Carrboro Community Coalition). Carrboro Mayor Robert Drakeford broke the tie, clearing Hunter of the charges.

"As the mayor of the city I'm reluctant to call citizens racists, but the charges have racial overtones," he said. "They (the citizens who made the allegations) fished around for six months and came up with some allegations that can't hold water."

Aldermen Rev. Jim White, Joyce Garrett and John Boone voted against absolving Hunter, who is black, of the charges, while Drakeford, Ernie Patterson, Steve Rose, and Hilliard Caldwell voted to clear him of the allegations.

Charles Riggsbee, one of the Carrboro residents who instigated the allegations said there was no racial motivation behind the charges against Hunter.

Riggsbee said his group (which brought the charges against Hunter to the board) grew out of the Association for a Better Carrboro, which was active in the last town election.

Riggsbee said the group now has about 20 members, who had hired Hillsborough attorney Douglas Hargroves to present their "questions" to the Board of Aldermen.

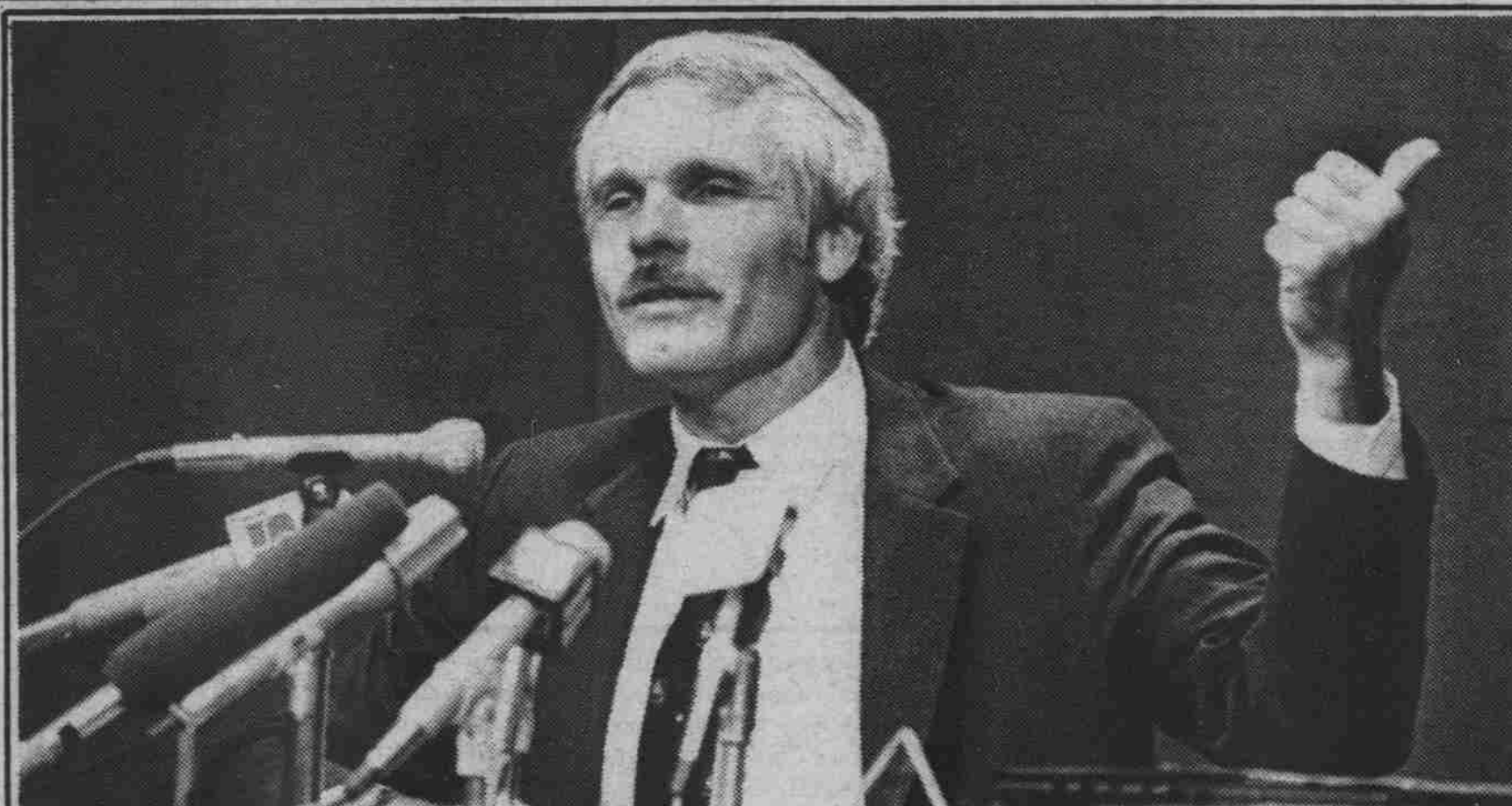
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Hunter



Drakeford



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Ted Turner, owner of the Turner Broadcasting System and the Atlanta Braves baseball team, discussed the role of cable network news at a press conference June 17. Photos by Frank Clarkson.

Defending America

Turner says U.S. should have alternative to network 'garbage'

By BOB KIMPLETON
Staff Writer

Former yachting champion Ted Turner says he is through with big-time sailing.

"I'm more worried about defending America than the America's Cup," Turner told some 30 local media representatives at a press conference June 17. "This nation and the whole world is headed toward disaster."

How will he defend the country? As owner of a baseball club, Turner said he wants to make the Atlanta Braves "America's team." But as owner of a cable television network, he said he wants to wire the country with the Turner Broadcasting System so Americans will have alternatives to "the garbage that's on the three networks."

Turner was in Chapel Hill to speak at a luncheon for Village Cable, which was part of the cable television company's second anniversary celebration.

Turner appeared to be relaxed during the conference, slouching in his chair and using hand gestures to emphasize his words. As reporters began to shout questions, Turner insisted that they raise their hands and be recognized.

Turner gave up yacht racing because it was too time-consuming he told reporters. Besides twice defending the America's Cup, Turner claims fame to almost running over "mighty Prince Charles when he was a kid sailing."

But Turner said the future of the country is in communications, which is why he said he spends most of his time on the cable business.

Although his two all-news stations (Cable News Network and CNN2) are currently losing money, Turner said he was optimistic. "I think cable will pass the telephone as a basic, necessary service," he said.

Turner began building his cable empire in 1970 when

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Summer CGC

Executive branch money requests denied

By ALISON DAVIS
News Editor

The Summer Campus Governing Council defeated two bills Tuesday which would allot a total of \$350 to the Student Government Executive Branch to purchase a membership in the United States Student Association and to print brochures to give to incoming freshmen and at Tar Heel Days.

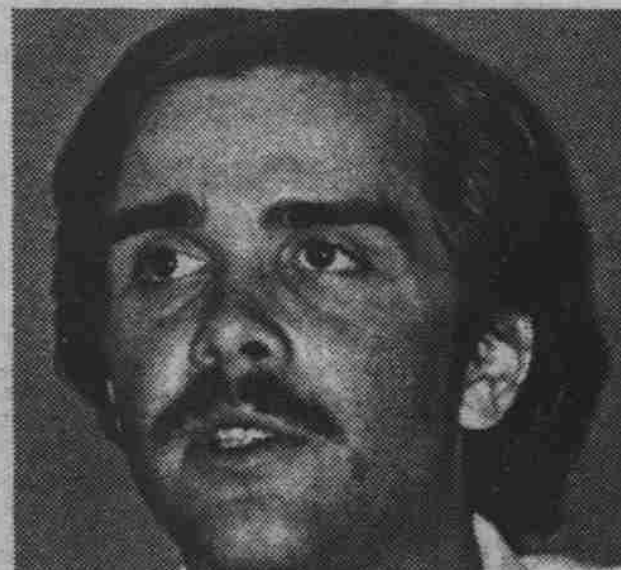
The USSA, which is based in Washington, D.C., lobbies for student concerns, summer CGC Finance Committee Chairperson Dan Bryson (District 18) told the council. Student Government is already a member of the American Student Association, which is a similar organization, he said.

CGC member Tony Boon told the council he would like to know more about the USSA before the council allotted money for a membership in the organization.

"Essentially what I think what these so-called student organizations at the national level are doing is embracing certain (non-controversial) causes and giving them token support," he said. "What they do with the rest of the money is address their own agendas."

"I am concerned that they are involved in other activities of which we learn little and which we might not be in favor of supporting."

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Dan Bryson

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