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Student Council Chairman Attacks **Open Courts Bill; Sums Up Decisions**

Larry Botto, chairman of the The present "closed court" system | tions dates. After reprimanding Student Council or "chief justice" was held responsible for "wide- the legislature, the UP, and the of the University student courts, spread distrust and disrespect" of elections board, the court was yesterday expressed his opposistudents for the courts. The bill forced to set an unconstitutional tion to the open courts bill which also asserted that potential of- date. Last November the council may be submitted to a vote of the fenders would respect the law had to do the same thing because student body after Christmas hol- more and increase in their aware- legislature be given the power "to

idays.

"I think the open court system, were open to the public. as proposed, would serve to destroy the council system as we initely by the Legislature by the have it now," he stated.

"we are throwing out the window the educational value of the Honor System," Botto said. The public opinion, publicity and trial attached to open courts, he commented, would prohibit the edueational and corrective value of the system.

When a student violates the Honor or Campus Code, the present court system impresses him with what he has done and usually the individual redeems himself, Botto claims.

Introduction of the open courts bill to the Legislature arose from discontentment with the secrecy of the judicial system here and the manner in which several of their cases have been conducted. campus observers believe.

The bill points out that "secrecy is fundamentally opposed to the principles of democratic thought and the notion of public participation in government."

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The bill has been tabled indefrequest of Sheldon Plager who

By throwing open the courts introduced it originally. Plager stated that it was a matter for the student body itself to decide upon and not the Legislature, and indicated that he was planning to submit it to the students in a referendum next year.

Looking back over the council's fall quarter activity. Botto noted

that the council has received surprisingly few appeals but has met more times in a two month period than probably any other council fall elections, he said. in history.

The council had to act illegally in absence of legislation on elec-

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In a Daily Tar Heel editorial last year it was suggested that the set the date of fall elections" without any qualifying clauses. In effect, the council has had to assume legislative authority twice in a row for the same offense.

"Elections are one of the biggest activities of student government, and as usual, areas that needed clarification came up". Botto pointed out. Unless something is done about it, confusing dates will continue to plague the

Also making up part of the council's fall work were two requests by students concerning the Publications board. The council was asked to clarify the board's and The Daily Tar Heel editor's authorities concerning which were both financial and administrative. It ruled the board has supreme powers in this case.

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Council Predicts Millionth Traffic Victim On Holidays

North Carolinian today to keep the Nation's millionth traffic fatality from occurring in this state.

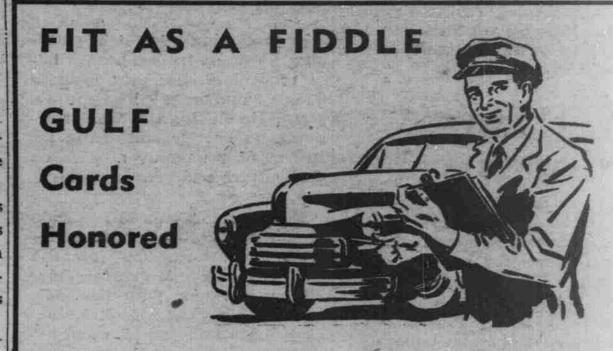
At the present rate of traffic deaths, the National Safety Council estimates, the millionth victim of the automobile is expected to die in the third week of December -almost at the height of the Christmas season.

Commissioner of Motor Vehicles L. C. Rosser, in speaking of the place everywhere the millionth approaching tragedy, said, "It is bitterly ironic that the Nation's millionth traffic death will coincide with the festivities and gaity want."

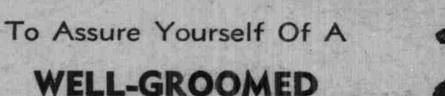
RALEIGH-The Department of of the Christmas season. I want Motor Vehicles appealed to every to appeal to every citizen of this State - motorist and citizen alike-to walk and drive with extreme caution in the few remaining weeks before the tragic date."

> In North Carolina, the Commissioner pointed . out, traffic deaths are nearing 1,000. The millionth death could occur here. he said, and while auto accidents

> have become ironically commontraffic fatality would, "give the state a significance we don't



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