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residence status committee.

Hunt did not give specific information on his governmental relations duties.

"It would be awfully premature for me to speculate on that now," he said. "We'll just have to see how things unfold."

Hunt did say that his dealings would not be with local government.

Hunt also will act as affirmative action officer until that position is filled. He served part time in that capacity as vice chancellor for administration.

Donald Boulton, vice chancellor for student affairs, the division which oversees the SHS and the Student Development Office, said he is optimistic about getting those positions filled.

Boulton said he is conducting an annual review and reorganization of his division, and hopes to be finished by the opening of the fall semester.

One exception to that, he said, will be the appointment of the new assistant director for student development, a position which carries much responsibility in the area of student orientation.

"We're near the end of the orientation process for this year," Boulton said. "There's not much point in bringing somebody else in now."

Boulton said someone probably would be named to the office after September 1, in time to begin work on orientation for the 1981-82 school year.

Jones said he is unsure how much work will be involved in his new part time assistant position. "It depends on what comes up," he said. "We're still working on it, and I don't know how much specifically I can tell you at this point."

Hayden Renwick, assistant dean in the college of arts and sciences and a well-known advocate for minority rights at the University, said he is optimistic about the administrative changes dealing with affirmative action and minority concerns.

"I have complete confidence in the new chancellor (Fordham)," Renwick said. "My initial reaction is that he's thought the thing through and is doing what he can to meet the needs that exist on campus."

"I'm hopeful that a staff would proceed from the appointment (of the vice chancellor for University affairs)," Renwick said.

Officials investigate Food Town plan

From staff and wire reports

The N.C. attorney general's office is reviewing a decision of Food Town Stores Inc. of Salisbury to advertise the fact that they will charge customers only 3 cents of the 4-cent sales tax.

Food Town has advertised that it would pay one-fourth of the tax. The state sets a 3 percent sales tax while counties are authorized to charge a 1 percent sales tax.

The state Department of Revenue said the proposal may violate a section of the general statutes that reads: "Any retailer who shall by any character or public advertisement offer to absorb the tax levied in this article (the sales tax) or in any manner directly or indirectly advertise that the tax herein imposed is not considered an element in the price to the purchaser shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

Mark G. Lynch, state revenue secretary, said Tuesday that advertising to absorb part of the sales tax is illegal under state law. "I have seen the ad in the paper stating that you, the customer, will pay only 3 percent sales tax and I have reported it to the attorney general's office," he said. "It appears to me that it is a violation of the general statute."

"Any advertisement that says a retailer would absorb the tax would be in violation, and if there is a violation, it will be reported," said Eric L. Gooch, director of the sales tax division of the state Revenue Department. In such a situation, he

explained, the state informs the merchant of the law and the advertisement is stopped.

"People are not buying cookies, snack items," said Ralph W. Ketner, president of the food-store chain. The tax reduction is designed to give customers some relief from inflation, he said.

The attorney general's office is reviewing the report it received from Lynch Tuesday, said Myron Banks, special deputy attorney general. "The next step is to determine whether we should report it to the district attorney," Banks said.

Bobby Horner, manager of Fowler's Food Store in Chapel Hill, said that he did not think his store would be hurt by Food Town's decision. "People don't shop

Fowler's for comparison," he said. "They come for particular items."

Horner said he did not believe Ketner is using a gimmick to attract publicity. "I think he's most sincere about this idea—that's the way Ralph Ketner is. He's really concerned about the customer," Horner said.

Norman May, assistant manager of the A&P in Carrboro, said he was not sure the plan would work. "It depends on the advertising," he said. A similar move by his store, he said, would have to be handled through their legal offices in Charlotte.

Food Town of Chapel Hill had no comment on the situation.

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