

Republican candidate faces sexual harassment controversy

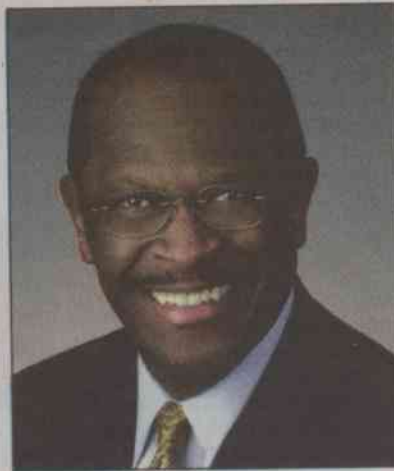
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Herman Cain denies having sexually harassed several women who he has worked with in the past while trying to continue in the race for the 2012 presidential elections.

Republican presidential candidate, Herman Cain, has been under fire from the media after several accusations alleged accusations of sexual harassment surfaced in previous weeks.

Even though Mr. Cain seems to be progressing in the presidential race, he has been hit with allegations from the past. While Mr. Cain was in the corporate world as a CEO of The National Restaurant Association, he was accused of sexually harassing several women.

According to CNN, Sharon Bialek has stepped forward and publicly accused Mr.



Cain

Cain of sexual harassing her several years ago. She alleged that Mr. Cain groped her in inappropriate manner and tried to force her head to his crotch. Another accuser, Karen Kraushaar attempted to get the four other women who've accused Mr. Cain of sexual harassment to come forth. The other women did not want to be public.

When the allegation first rose, Mr. Cain answered questions vaguely or with a rhetorical question that did not give citizens effective answers.

While being questioned at the GOP Debate Mr. Cain response was "The American people deserve better than someone being tried in the court of public opinion based on unfounded accusations."

Aside from the alleged sexual harassment accusations, Mr. Cain forewarned the public about another women, Ginger White, who

would later go on to announce that she had an affair with Mr. Cain that lasted for 13 years. Mr. Cain's lawyer, Lin Wood, denied this and stated that any relationship between these two was "private and between consenting adults." Mrs. Wood stated that matters of sexual nature have no place in politics.

Since the allegations were brought to the public, Mr. Cain's character, as well as his run for the presidency is in jeopardy. However, he still has a strong support base and is one of the leaders in the polls for the republican vote.

Mr. Cain is known for his "999" tax plan and his charismatic personality and his assertiveness to change America's current state. He is touted as one of the strongest performers in the republican debates. He writes an op-ed column that is published by North Star Writers group.

Tuition increase to hit campus Fall 2012

Open forums provide answers to questions posed by students

by Tiffine Lee
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Three open forums that were aimed at handling the concerns of students seemed to get the job done.

Fayetteville State is putting in the works to increase tuition for the 2012-2013 school year. The last open forum that was held on Nov. 17 by Provost and Vice President of academic affairs Dr. Jon Young in combination with SGA President Jermaine Pittman and the tuition increase panel was aimed at clearing up the doubts of the proposed tuition increase.

Several students at the last open forum expressed concerns as to what the administration is spending money on. Senior, Donald Howard brought up the newly placed big screen televisions going up around campus. He also recommended saving money in areas such as the Microsoft lease that allows students to be able to use the newest editions of

the brand.

"The previous edition worked just fine. Why upgrade it to a newer edition that costs close to \$150,000. That money could be used elsewhere," said Mr. Howard.

Another student asked why she had to pay more money for tuition when she was receiving no financial aid. Many students had concerns as to being able to continue to afford FSU after the increase happens. One student even commented on the quality of the food served in the café and whether or not it would improve.

Financial aid director Kamesia Ewing was able to clear up a few false impressions on the tuition increase.

"\$6.3 million dollars has been lost in financial aid this school year alone," said Mrs. Ewing.

She says that the increase will mean stricter verification for students not willing to compare last year's tax returns to the current year

when processing FAFSA.

Students would also need official direct verification from IRS and not your local tax provider to confirm all submissions before financial aid is received and processed. Mrs. Ewing also mentioned that the school would offer increased loan amounts to cover the increase in tuition. "We want this to be a smooth transition for everyone."

Ninety-five percent of students at Fayetteville State are on financial aid. In order to be able to afford to keep those students and incoming students on federal aid, this increase will be able to keep those funds going to those students in need. It will also cut down on the students providing false information and trying to cheat the system.

The breakdown of the increase includes approximately 45 percent of the monies going to the office of financial aid, 25 percent going towards reinstating 65 or more classes that have been cut, 20 percent

to provide additional technology smart rooms and 10 percent being used to increase library hours.

It is important to know that all increases are to be done to provide the student with better opportunities at college life. Such increases as student activities fee is done to be able to accommodate Fayetteville State students with free or low cost events. Surrounding schools such as NC State, A&T and UNCP provide much more expensive events to their students in comparison to FSU.

Dr. Young vouched for FSU by clearing up the misconception of who is over the proposed tuition increase.

"It is not Fayetteville State University who you have your complaints with but the state of North Carolina. We are just following the rules and regulations."

Newly re-elected city council woman and Student Government Association graduate student,

Kady-Ann Davy, made a plea to students to attend the open forums in Raleigh if tuition increase concerns still existed.

"Don't just go to the ones here because they are close. Raleigh is only 45 minutes up the road."

Those students who did attend seemed to get some solace once the forum was brought to a close. The questions stopped pouring in and everyone started to get up and leave. Mr. Pittman urged students to tell their friends that they can get all the answers to their questions by going online to blackboard where the slides are posted.

FSU will not be the only university in the UNC school system raising tuition next year, but the school does want a fighting chance to be able to offer its students a better environment, better opportunities and better challenges.

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