

# McCain Trounces Bush In 2 Key GOP Primaries

**Strong support from Michigan independents and Democrats helped McCain carry the crucial state.**

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DETROIT — John McCain thumped George W. Bush in a two-state sweep Tuesday night, rallying a “new McCain majority” of independents and Democrats in Michigan and winning his home state of Arizona to seize momentum for a two-week blitz of Republican primaries.

Reaching out to Republican voters who backed the Texas governor in overwhelming numbers in Michigan, the senator told supporters, “Don’t fear this campaign, my fellow Republicans. Join it.”

Bush, humbled by defeat, said, “This is a marathon and I’m going to be in it all the way to the end — and some primaries you win and sometimes you don’t.”

McCain’s is the latest victory in a se-sawing Republican nomination race.

McCain won New Hampshire’s lead-off primary in a landslide, lost the follow-up showdown in South Carolina and won Michigan by a narrow margin. It further damaged Bush’s hard-fought image as the inevitable GOP nominee, and propelled both men toward a March 7 showdown in 13 states.



This means we’re going to go charging into Super Tuesday,” said state Sen. John Schwarz, McCain’s chairman in Michigan. Even before winning his double-header, McCain narrowed Bush’s financial advantage and closed the gap in national polls since New Hampshire.

In Michigan, Bush and McCain forged mirror-image coalitions: Bush vote was supported by two-thirds of Republicans, and McCain ventured outside the party for a similar-sized force of Democrats and independents.

Open to all voters, Michigan’s primary actually drew more non-Republican than Republicans.

Bush supporters bitterly dismissed McCain’s victory.

“John McCain isn’t party-building, he’s party-borrowing,” said three-term Michigan Gov. John Engler, who accused the senator of “renting Democrats” for the night. Engler had promised to carry Michigan for Bush, and took blame for the defeat.

McCain’s response: “Be a man.”

In Michigan, with 55 percent of the precincts reporting, McCain had 376,452 votes, or 50 percent, and Bush had 334,111, or 44 percent. Former ambassador Alan Keyes had 4 percent.

In Arizona, with 14 percent of the precincts reporting, McCain had 60,738 votes, or 64 percent, and Bush had 31,528 votes, or 33 percent. Keyes had 3 percent.

McCain’s victories earned him all 30 delegates from Arizona and at least 16 of the 58 delegates in Michigan, closing his gap with Bush. McCain has 60 delegates to date, compared to Bush’s 60. A candidate needs 1,034 delegates to win the Republican nomination.

## HOUSING

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zip code, 58 percent of UNC’s employees lived outside of Chapel Hill.

Clarissa Brame, secretary for UNC’s director of housing, lives in Graham, 31 miles away from campus. She said she drove 50 minutes to work and back because there was no reasonably priced housing available in Chapel Hill.

“There is such an influx of people here in Chapel Hill,” she said. “I would live in Chapel Hill if it were cheaper, but (developers) can charge whatever they want to here.”

Becky Gonzalez, a housekeeper in Carmichael Residence Hall, said several factors forced her to live in Durham instead of living closer to work in Chapel Hill. “I looked around (Chapel Hill), but I didn’t find anything,” she said. “Chapel Hill is more expensive than any other area.”

Not all UNC employees, though, said they had difficulty finding a house close to campus. Economics Professor Boone Turchi is among that fortunate group.

Turchi’s home off Umstead Road is within walking distance of campus.

But Turchi, who has worked at the University for 27 years, said he was able to get a house that close to the University because he purchased his home years ago.

“Housing prices have gone up at a very high rate,” he said. “Right now it would be difficult to purchase a house because of restricted supply.”

Turchi said the local housing market would likely rise in price as more and more people came to town looking for a place to stay. “It is so hard to expand in this town,” he said. “Restricted supply makes prices rise.”

## Small-Town Living

Employees of the town are also struggling to find cost-friendly houses near Chapel Hill. In fact, Town Manager Cal Horton said only 23 percent of Chapel

Hill’s staff lived in town.

“Chapel Hill is a desirable place to live because of its good services and environment,” he said. “But developers know they can sell bigger, more expensive homes here.”

Mayor Rosemary Waldorf said Chapel Hill’s housing was more expensive than anywhere else in the state.

“It’s a big problem because we have a relative scarcity of land,” she said. “If people had the opportunity, I’m sure there would be a great number that would like to live in downtown.”

Town Council member Pat Evans, who is required by law to live in Chapel Hill since she is a council member, said she had witnessed the town’s progression over the last 30 years.

“I think what’s happening is that Chapel Hill has been discovered,” she said. “People are looking for small, hometown roots, and (Chapel Hill) is one of the towns that still offers that.”

## Looking for Solutions

Carrboro leaders have been looking for methods to cure these housing ailments through corrective legislation. In June, the Carrboro aldermen passed an ordinance that restricted the size of residences.

Alderman Allen Spalt said the plan would restrict the square footage of houses, which would lower the prices.

“This ordinance is the first of its sort in the state,” he said. “It requires that a certain percent of houses built are small.”

If developers build 20 to 25 percent of new houses with smaller square feet requirements, Spalt said younger and poorer families could afford new homes much easier.

Evans said the Town Council also had addressed the issue of restricting sprawl in Chapel Hill by establishing urban service boundaries and more dense development.

“We are managing our growth in an amazingly constructive way,” she said.

Evans said the council had focused

on offering a mixture of housing prices. She said this would be accomplished through such housing alternatives as Southern Village and Meadowmont, which offer a wide range of living choices.

Horton said he and the Town Council had been discussing ways to expand living opportunities in Chapel Hill for quite some time. “The way to address this problem is for government to bring down the price of housing,” he said.

In addition to offering price alternatives, Waldorf said the Town Council was also considering an “employee/employer” partnership with the University and UNC Hospitals that would help people find a place to live in town.

“I am very excited about the possibility of town, University and hospital housing,” she said. “This is the first effort targeted specifically at town staff (and University and hospital officials).”

Waldorf said the Town Council had hired a consultant to examine the possibility of building affordable housing on Rosemary Street for the proposed partnership.

If such a proposal were approved, Waldorf said employees would have the opportunity to live affordably in a downtown location.

As Chapel Hill and Carrboro leaders shape the future of housing, the flood of individuals looking for an affordable home in the area is not expected to subside any time soon.

Evans said she understood why so many people wanted to live in the area, regardless of the high cost of living.

“People are moving here from all over,” she said. “This is a community with the climate, culture, sports and entertainment that they’re looking for.”

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## CHANCELLOR

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After media leaked his name as one of the search’s top contenders in December, Elson Floyd, UNC’s former executive vice chancellor and now president of Western Michigan University, said he was committed to his current post.

The search committee has stressed that N.C. ties are a big selling point for chancellor candidates, making Floyd and former UNC Provost Richard McCormick likely choices.

McCormick, president of the University of Washington, has also been mentioned as a candidate but has not publicly commented on the search.

But, he has not publicly withdrawn his name from the running.

University of Alabama President Andrew Sorenson was also reported as a candidate in December. He said he was flattered to be under consideration but was committed to his current work.

Hugo Sonnenschein, a hard-nosed administrator who will leave his presidency post at The University of Chicago in July, is another likely contender.

The committee could also be looking to two top candidates from the search that produced the late Chancellor Michael Hooker in 1995.

Hunter Rawlings, president of Cornell University, could be under consideration again, but it is questionable whether he would abandon the helm of an Ivy League institution.

Charles Knapp, former University of Georgia president, signaled interest in returning to higher education this summer when he left Aspen Institute, a Washington, D.C., think tank.

But Knapp seems a less likely candidate after he became a partner last month with Heidrick and Struggles — the firm conducting the UNC search.

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## TUITION

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increase would fund capital needs.

“We don’t want to set a precedent,” Link said.

He also said that a lack of minority student representation in the medical school merited concern and that the tuition increase might further threaten that representation. “We need to make sure there’s an extra effort put into recruiting,” Link said. “I don’t want to see the quality of students drop, the number of minority students drop and the money going for capital needs.”

Second-year medical student Manoj Menon said the tuition increase had merit but that he still harbored concerns.

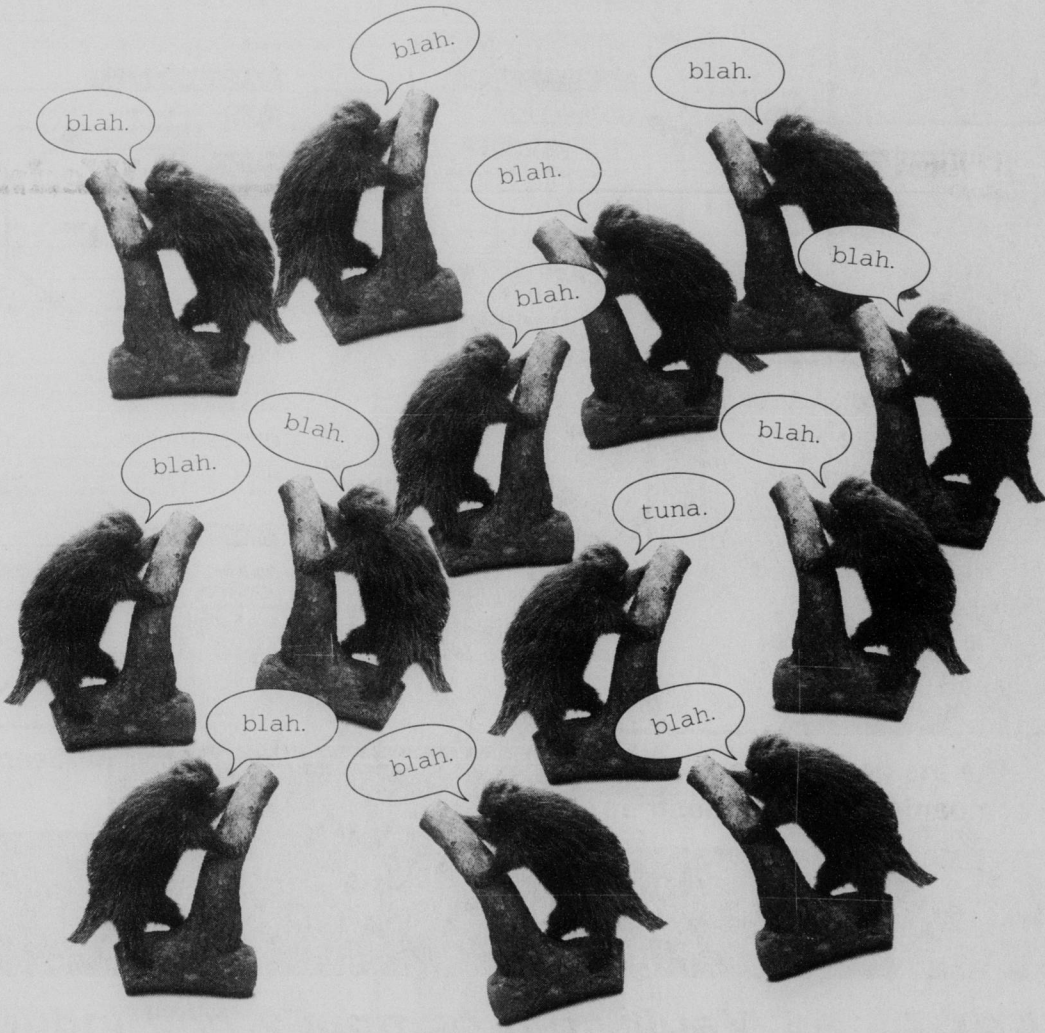
“Cost really attracts a lot of people,” Menon said. “(The amount of the increase) is a little extreme.”

Peter Messick, a first-year medical student, said he supported the tuition increase.

“From the dean’s presentation, I saw that the money would be used in ways that have justification,” he said.

“The quality of the education is worth it.”

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