

Pennsylvania students switch, back Clinton

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PHILADELPHIA -- A group of Democratic students at the University of Pennsylvania said it switched candidates, deciding to back New York Sen. Hillary Clinton for president. The Penn Democrats held an emergency meeting Tuesday to withdraw its March endorsement of Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., citing the controversy over racially tinged comments by his pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, and the campaign's persistent get-out-the-vote drives, the university's student newspaper, The Daily Pennsylvanian, said Wednesday. Lauren Burdette, the president of the group and college sophomore, said the resiliency of the Clinton campaign prompted the move. "She lied about landing in Bosnia under sniper fire, her credibility is slipping nationally, and she has no reasonable path to win the nomination," Burdette said. "And yet, she still hasn't quit. That's the kind of determination that Penn students should admire." Zac Byer, the president of the university's College Republicans, said the move was "brilliant" noting that "Republicans have always loved the Clintons." But the campus group, Penn for Hillary, said they had hoped the Penn Democrats would have waited for the results Pennsylvania primary April 22.

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