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Speakers, audience remain divided on issue

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what point would you force a woman to carry her pregnancy to term?
 "Under what life and health conditions would you as the government force her to continue her pregnancy and give birth?
 "At what point would you, the government, say that the woman's fetus she is carrying is more important to your country than the woman herself?"
 Nenny said these questions are what people are trying to settle in a political arena.

She said the government does have a responsibility to insure access for all reproductive choices for all women: information on birth control, abstinence, early prenatal care, contraception, adoption, sterilization and abortion.
 However, providing information is where the government's responsibility ends, Nenny said.
 People seem to be increasingly afraid of information and of differing viewpoints. If society imposes a set of fundamentalist conservative values to comfort one group, this country

will lose everything, she said.
 Audience members were as polarizing their viewpoints as the speakers.
 "Abortion should be made illegal on demand except in the case of rape, incest or danger of the mother's life," said Aggie Prewitt, fund raiser coordinator for Aggie Life.
 The main goal of Planned Parenthood is to stop abortion by stopping unwanted pregnancies through education, said Margaret Green, outreach educator for Planned Parenthood Brazos Valley.

Diverted funds increase course numbers

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come close, especially in the critical areas of core curriculum, service courses like English 301 and courses where our majors are having problems getting in," he said.
 "We may have a shortfall next year, but it will be spread so it won't be as drastic as it appears right now."
 Parker said students will find more classes available in the coming weeks as funds are diverted.

The Department of Mathematics was particularly hard hit in the College of Science, according to Parker. While officials with the College of Science were unavailable, Dr. William Rundell, head of the math department, said his department will now have a complete course offering this summer.
 "The provost's office and the College of Science have come up with extra funds for a full summer (math) offering," Rundell said. "We're going to have a full summer program."

Larry Mitchell, head of the English department, said he is also pleased with the decision to make funds available for summer and coming year.
 He said courses will be opened as the funds are made available to him.
 "It's good news," Mitchell said. "Most of the sections are full right now, but when we get this money, more sections will become available. We'll open them pretty much

right away."
 According to Mitchell, more sections available for summer school, the better the situation will be for the fall and spring.
 "The more we can teach in summer, the less pressure there would be in the fall," he said. "Anything they can give us will be well spent."
 Parker said the provost's office was unwilling to reduce the budget for educational instruction unless it is a last resort.

Barton speaks to voters about health care plan

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does throw out the plan, Brazos County will be possibly put back together in District 6.
 Right now the hot topic on the minds of voters is the reform of Congress, Barton said.
 Barton pointed out to the audience that he was not involved in the recent bank scandal in the Congress.
 "I didn't have any bad checks in the House," Barton said. "I took accounting at Texas A&M and I learned that you put money in the bank before you write checks. I also was smart enough to let my wife balance our checkbook."
 Barton said he did not vote for the Democratic reform bill that just passed in the House of Representatives because he felt it did not address the real problem. The Democratic plan for reform will create a manager to oversee all non-legislative and financial activities in the House.
 "The root problem in the House of Representatives is not that we need a professional manager," Barton said. "The root problem is that the system itself has become skewed."
 "We need to change the way we do business. We put somebody with a fancy title in a big office and call him a professional manager," he said.

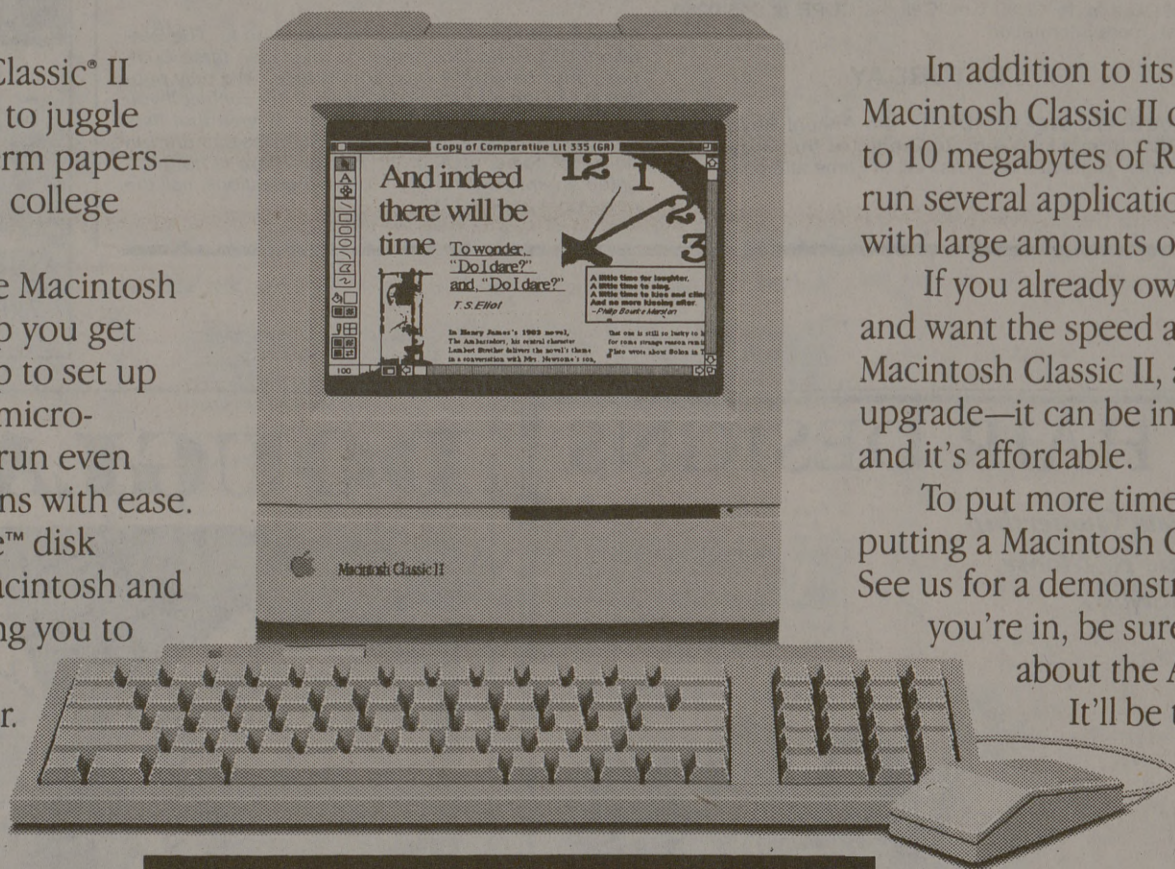
Barton responded to a question from the audience about a limit on congressional campaign contributions by saying he would not support such a limit.
 "If you're a banker and you're the best banker in town, there's no limit on how much banking you do," Barton said. "I have a problem with you telling me no matter how hard I work I can only receive so much. That's part of the American system."
 Barton said he would support a limit on the amount political action committees (PAC) could contribute.
 "Political action committees themselves are not bad," Barton said. "The problem is that some congressmen depend almost totally on PAC contributions. You could limit that amount to a thousand dollars."
 Barton said what causes his constituents in Brazos County the most concern is the health care issue.
 "One plan is to do away with all private insurance and all health care will be paid for by the federal government," Barton said. "I don't support that plan and the congressmen and senators that have supported it haven't done very well politically."
 Barton said the health care proposal that has

gained much popularity with the Democratic leadership in the House of Representatives what has been called the "Pay or Play" plan.
 "Businesses either 'play' i.e. provide health care for their workers, or they 'pay' into a national pool that provides health care," Barton said. "It doesn't actually do anything to reform the system."
 Barton said he liked the plan supported by President Bush. This plan — sometimes called a "voucher system" — would give low-income Americans and Americans without a health care plan at their work place a voucher worth \$1,250 per individual or \$3,750 per family to spend on health care.
 "However, the president's plan does not say how he will pay for it," Barton said. "It is not health care that empowers people to make health care decisions for themselves."
 Barton said he would prefer a plan that would do away with the tax credit for health insurance and give that credit to people and let them go out and pick the best plan for their family," he said. "As a federal employee, every six months, I get to look at 30 or 40 different health care plans and choose the one that best fits the needs for my family. In my case it has worked very well."

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