By KIRSTEN DIETZ

Reporter

A exhibit focusing on the chan-ging images of older people in American society will be dis-

played in the Medical Sciences Building lobby through Nov. 2. It is sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition The exhibit, "Images of Old Age in America," dramatizes the contrasts between the popular images of aging in three broad time periods and the realities of existence for the elderly through the use of graphics, quotations, photographs and original text. More than 100 photographs and reproductions of prints are combined on three panels grouping them into the time periods.

During the first period represented, 1790-1864, the elderly were respected as guardians of virtue and useful members of so-

In the next time frame, 1865-1934, post-Civil War technologi-

cal developments made the el-

derly appear obsolete and their worth was lessened. After World War I, an increasing number of

Americans began to consider the

In the last period, 1935-pre-sent, stereotypic images of the el-derly are being replaced by the

growing awareness of the creativ

older people.

Mary Alice Pisani, assistant to

the dean of the College of Medi-

cine, said the exhibit is important

because of the increasing number

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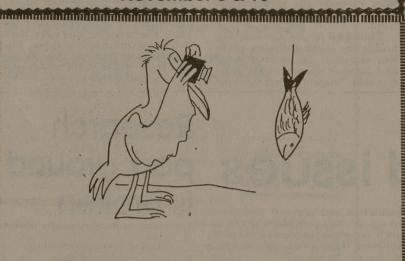
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The "Images of Old Age in America" ex- Building, shows the changing attitude to hibit, on display in the Medical Sciences

wards old age throughout America's history.

of older people in society and their importance.

According to statistics from the Texas Department on Aging, another American turns 60-yearsold every 42 seconds, and Texas has the fifth-largest population of people 60 and older.

Pisani said research in geriatrics and gerontology, scientific studies relating to the problems of the elderly, is one of the mis-

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"Images of Old Age in Am ca" was researched by the Unit sity of Michigan's Institut Gerontology.

Race car designed by st

By ALIS MAHLEN Reporter

After approximately 750 manhours, the designing of the Texas A&M 1985 model Formula SAE race car is complete, says Tony Griffith, a senior mechanical engineering ma-

The car, designed by a team of five mechanical engineering students, will be entered in the annual Society of Automotive Engineers competition held in 1985 at the University of Texas at Arlington, Griffith said.

The two day event, May 30 and June 1, consists of five different stress tests for the car, Griffith, design crew chief for the car, said.

The rules of the competition state that the car must be entirely

project for ME 404, an electrical instrumentation class, Griffith said. The construction will take about 750

Students designed the car for a

project in ME 446, Mechanical Engi-

begin soon and be completed as a

neering Design III, this semester. Construction of the new car will

driven by students," he said.

have received donations from H.B. Zachry, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and

Howard Racing on Texas Avenue,' Griffith said. Regulations state the car construc-

tion and design can cost a maximum of \$4,000.

The nationwide event has had entries from as far north as Canada, Griffith said. The event has been

conceived, designed, built and Austin for the last five years.

This is the third year that A&M has competed in the SAE Formula races. Last year, A&M came in second place behind the University of

"One reason the car did so well is because it is simple and sturdy," Griffith said. "It has only one cylinder, but we have hot-rodded it up to between 35 and 40 horsepower." The engine in the 1984 car was

taken from a Yamaha 500, Griffith The events in the competition test

speed, maneuverability, fuel economy, endurance and suspension quality, Griffith said.

The speed test consists of a 100yard straight course. Entries are individually timed and cars reach The car's ability to tightly curved course is te maneuverability event, The timed outcome of termines the starting po endurance test, he said.

The endurance test is a event. Four drivers comp of two heats, Griffith said scores consist of two combin imes, he said.

"Driving skill is definitely set," Griffith said. The course

tests the car's ability to har ners and the quality of the pension, Griffith said.

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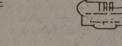
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