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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Krewe of Clones was organized in 1978 so that New Orleans artists would have an opportunity to actively participate in Mardi Gras tradition. Since floats are the focal point of Carnival, the process of permitting artists to create and participate in the city's primary art event was long overdue.

Organized by video artist Denise Vallon, carried out under the auspices of the Contemporary Arts Center, the Krewe of Clones parade precedes the official Carnival parade season by three to four weeks. The 1981 parade sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, included 34 units rolling down Camp and Poydras Streets, attracted an estimated crowd of 75,000, and in this year of funding cutbacks the National Endowment has doubled its support for this program.

The basic visual form of this year's parade is the automobile, as it has evolved to become the symbol of the urban street parade, redesigned and celebrated by local and national sculptors, architects, musicians, and performers. Twelve cars have been donated to the Contemporary Arts Center for renovation and restoration. Eleven city agencies, museums, and universities are participating in this year's parade.

The Clones will salute this year's Pultizer prize winning novel, <u>A Confederacy of Dunces</u>. With its unique New Orleans characterizations, it is an ideal vehicle for artistic expression of contemporary native folklore.

Using a model of the book's 1946 Plymouth, complete with wrecked bumper and rear window, as the <u>Confederacy of Dunces</u> car, the parade will feature a variety of "art cars". Utilizing artist Emery Clark's "art car" exhibition theme, the clones parade will roll with a wide variety of transformed autos, including a carrot, a beatle, and a windhog, as well as a futuristic scultural vehicle and a car totally covered with Mardi Gras beads.

Again, the Krewe will be honoring several "Sweet Arts", women who have made generous and significant contributions to the arts in New Orleans. The Sweet Arts will ride in the parade and be feted at a party in their honor.

In its few short years of parading, the Clones have captured the hearts of New Orleans. To make this event a continuing success, we are seeking community support in the form of financial and in-kind contributions.

The Krewe of Clones, the Contemporary Arts Center, and the progressive New Orleans art community has made a commitment, and to do this, we need your support. Following is a more detailed look at the Krewe of Clones, its supporters and participants.

Clones More Than Ready For 1982 Parade

Confederacy of Clones" will take to the streets February 6 as the Krewe of Clones rolls its 4th annual parade down Poydras Street to the thrills and cheers of thousands of onlookers. Queen Darlene, of Confederacy of Dunces fame, portrayed by local artist and femme fatale Sandra Blair, the permanent krewe queen; and King on Wheels Ed Boettner, publisher of News on Wheels, will lead the upcoming parade. Boettner's reign is especially significant: as the city's used car king, he has assisted the Contemporary Arts Center in getting old cars donated to be parade "Art Cars".

"Art Cars" originated as a masters thesis exhibition by artist Emery Clark, who, along with a committee, selected a dozen Art Car models to be cloned life-size for the Clones parade. These cars will be designed and outfitted by the original Art Cars exhibition artists and ridden in the parade as feature vehicles.

And, of course, no self-respecting parade whose theme is based on A Confederacy of Dunces would be complete without a replica of the 1946 Plymouth which Ignatius'



mother, Mrs. Reilly, wrecks upon her departure from D. H. Holmes and the Night of Joy. And that car, complete with a dented fender and lace iron work rammed through the rear window, will make its way down Poydras and Camp with the rest of the krewe's assorted floats, bands, cars and misplaced humanity.

Captain Denise Vallon, when pressed for an all encompassing comment about the 1982 parade, declared that it will be "bigger than Bacchus, longer than Endymion."

And in a tradition that was begun last year, the Clones will again honor several "Sweet Arts", women who have made important contributions to the arts. This year's honorees include Congresswoman Lindy Boggs; Sybil Morial; arts patron Marjorie Davis; new Arts Council Executive Director Marion Andrus McCollam; and queen mother Thelma Toole, mother of the author of A Confederacy of Dunces.



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belts. Peck, his wife and daughter were in a car stopped in traffic last year when another car struck it from the rear. "If my wife and I had not been wearing our seat belts and if Sarah hadn't been in her child restraint, we certainly would have been seriouusly injured in the crash, perhaps even. killed," Peck said in a statement issued by the council. Peck has said that his safety agency plans to spend \$8 million on an educational campaign to achieve more voluntary use of belts.

Thelma Toole Cloned

The mother of the author of "A Conederacy of Dunces" is joining the lones. Thelma Toole, mother of the ate author John Kennedy Toole, was isited Saturday by the Krewe of lones and designated "Queen Aother." The krewe, a Contemporary rts Center group, also named her one f its "Sweet Arts," women the Clones onor for their contributions to the art ommunity in New Orleans. The omen get to ride in the Krewe of lones parade, which will roll on Feb. But the Clones have established a oung tradition of visiting the "Sweet rts" well in advance of the parade to resent them with roses and proclamaons and a lot of noisy ceremony. On aturday, Krewe of Clones Captain enise Vallon led members to Toole's ome on Elysian Fields Avenue and to e residences of the other 1982 "Sweet rts." Artist and singer George hmidt serenaded the honorees, and



-Staff photo by Lee

Pete Wolbrette sounds trumpet as George Schmidt presents Krewe of Clones scroll to T

Pete Woolbrette blew heralds on his Mercedes limousine. In addition to trumpet while standing on the roof of the krewe's custom-designed Bonomolo

Toole, other 1982 "Sweet Arts" are Rep. Lindy Boggs, Arts Council Execu-

tive Director Marion Andrus M lam, Sybil Morial, wife of the m. and arts patron Marjorie Davis.







KREWE OF CLONES donated vehicles

Porsche
Jaguar
Gremlin
Datsun
Buick Riviera
International Truck
Monte Carlo
Mustang
Oldsmobile Delta 88
Pontiac LeMans
Chevrolet
Chrysler







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KREWE OF CLONES participating artists

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Peggy Scott LaBorde Dale Milford Charles Neville Jesse Poinbeauf Tom Russo Steve Rucker Susan Samola George Schmidt Mary Strasser Bob Wade Willard Watson (The Texas Kid) Petey Wollbrette Tom Young Jesselyn Zurick Denise Chenel Vallon Jackson Hill D. Eric Bookhardt Crash Lady Pink







KREWE OF CLONES Sweet Arts

1981

Muriel Bultman Francis
Ruth Ann Menutis
Leah Chase
Marjorie Stich
Hazel Guggenheim McKinley
Sunny Norman

1982

Marion Andrus McCollam Marjorie Davis Sybil Morial Lindy Boggs Thelma Toole