

By NELL NOLAN

Social columnist

Ken Toole died a decade ago but his book "Confederacy of Dunces" now sees the light of day, and spearheading the publication of the work (for which the paperback rights have already been sold and movie companies are nibbling) was the author's mother Thelma and Walker Percy, who has a stack of good works to his credit.

This afternoon bibliophiles will file through the doors of the Rink to the Maple Street Book Shop to celebrate "Confederacy" and to hoist a glass of *vino* while Thelma plunks out the tunes at the piano.

The social confederacy (certainly no dunces in this lot!) will include Walker and Bunt Percy, the senior William C. Boehmers, Claire de la Vergne, Judge and Mrs. Alvin Rubin, Pio and Ruby Lyons, Jimmy and Marcia Legendre, local author Valerie Martin, Carol Livaudais, Bob Milling, Helen Dietrich

and Juanita. The latter lady will remain most taciturn since she is a *papier mache* sculpture created by Hayne Rudolph, but her owners Jimmy and Virginia Roddy will be duly animated. Juanita is a Rink resident and calls a bookshelf home.

Another Rink resident — although her hours are diurnal — is Rhoda Faust, who will be receiving guests in her bookstore from 4-5 p.m. or thereabouts to toast the work that left LSU most im'press'ed.