Audience laughs, cries at 'Owl, Pussycat'

You may say it's a story about a smart bookworm and a not-so-smart hooker. Actually, that's only the sur-

face.

The intelligent fella knows only from the written page, no common sense and his apparent nemesis is well, dumb, like a fox.

They fight each other, learn from each other and finally they love

review

each other. In the meantime, the audience laughs and cries with Felix and Doris, "The Owl and the Pussycat" in the Theatre of the Arts current offering in dinner theater at Mr. Mac's Stables.

It will play through Dec. 27 at this Machus restaurant in the Fairlane

Machus restaurant in the Fairlane Park Towers in Dearborn. This witty and heartwarming two-character play by Bill Manhoff brings together two of the most un-likely bedfellows ever to meet in the brownstones of New York City.

Previous to this play's actual begin-ning, Felix Sherman, a relatively unsuccessful writer, has been watching Doris' money-making ac-

At start, Doris with television set, meager belongings and suitease in hand pounds on the Sherman apart-ment door, gains access and em-phatically reports to Felix that she is moving in.

WHAT FOLLOWS is the develop-ment of the stormy relationship. Perhaps the story is racy at times,

but director Kat La Rose handles the material with skill. The audi-ence consistently enjoys and identi-fies, but is never offended or bored. The players are constantly on the move and entertaining.

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Del Howison, ever versatile in his
role of the owl, moves the character
from tepid timidity to unsavory bulliness. His only fault is that he does
not carry the voice he starts off with
through to the end.

As the pussycat, Beth Carpenter is tough and sexy. She gives us a character that grows and fails and tries again. We see Doris' pain and the hard edge of her personality that we know will eventually force her to

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