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CONCERT CHOIR



Photo By Leigh Harris

Lindsay Warner, alto, performs "I Know I've Been Changed," on Oct. 17 in the Dover Theatre. Warner is a member of the GWU concert choir.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Fatz Cafe — a cozy place to eat

Tracy Whitman
Pilot staff

Fatz Café, a fun, steakhouse-style restaurant in Shelby, is located at 1235 E. Dixon Boulevard (Hwy. 74). Popular with college students and the community, Fatz's motto is, "Where everyone's a regular." The restaurant hosts a comfortable, semi-casual atmosphere.

Menu items include appetizers like the Fatz specialty, spinach artichoke dip, bale of "onyums", and chicken wings. The loaded potato soup is another Fatz specialty, and is one of the restaurant's most popular menu items. The menu features several different salads, as well.

Entrees range from the chicken and pasta section, offering items like Aloha Chicken and Colby's Mile-High Lasagna, to seafood, with items like Kahuna Tuna

and Steakhouse Salmon. Fatz offers its own World Famous Calabash Chicken. Also on the menu are steaks, ribs, burgers, and specialty sandwiches, such as the Calabash Wrap, and the Fatz Philly Cheese Steak.

Finishing off the meal is a great selection of deserts, featuring Carolina Cobbler, strawberry cheesecake and the double fudge brownie served with ice cream.

Fatz also features tailgate specials and offers party trays ideal for reunions, tailgating, parties, and holidays. These special offers are available year-round. Party trays include calabash chicken, wings, ribs, veggies, club sandwiches, and more.

Fatz has a Lunch Specials To Go menu, where every item is \$5.99. Items include the Brookwood BBQ Sandwich, Calabash BLT, and Lunch Calabash Salad. There is also a Create-Your-Own-Combo option.

MOVIE REVIEW

"White Oleander": A new twist in mother-daughter conflict

Rachel Jones
Special to the Pilot

Based on Janet Fitch's best-selling novel, "White Oleander" focuses on a daughter, Astrid Magnussen, and her beautiful yet dangerous mother, Ingrid Magnussen, who is an artist.

When Ingrid is taken to prison, Astrid begins her journey through life. Even though

she is in prison, Ingrid Magnussen has no intention of releasing the bonds she shares with her daughter.

"White Oleander" has a stunning cast: Michelle Pfeiffer (Ingrid Magnussen), Robin Wright Penn and Renée Zellweger. In the past these leading ladies have stunned audiences in movies such as, "Dangerous Minds," "The Princess Bride" and "Bridget

Jones's Diary," respectively.

The audience will not be disappointed by their performances, nor will they have reason to disapprove of newcomer Alison Lohman, who believably portrays the ever-evolving Astrid.

Also, for "ER" watchers, the movie possesses a special treat: Noah Wyle. However, the most striking performance would be that of Michelle

Pfeiffer, whom the author pictured as the icy Ingrid while developing and writing her novel.

When compared to Fitch's novel, the movie is watered down and becomes a crusade for good foster care and the need for improvement in the child welfare system.

The novel, "White Oleander," is not for everyone. There are many scenes that

most would find disturbing; however, I highly enjoyed the book and prefer it to the movie. There are many levels to Astrid and especially Ingrid that are not revealed in the movie. If you wish to read the novel, I would advise you read it before you see the movie.

Overall, for the squeamish, "White Oleander" is best experienced in the theater rather than by reading the novel.

That's Life by Charlie Baber

