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es more questions than it does answers.
any other recent movie.
at the roots of society more powerfully than
like Malcolm, never comes to a truly work-
portrayal of a man who went through many
kids again. His plot involves becoming a
Williams) will do anything to see his
Williams' hilarious performance and a few
Craig

I***: Poor
I***: Excellent

Spike Lee has translated the complex life
A BRILLIANT FILM.
A splendid ensemble of actors and .
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FILMMAKING.

***1/2 Malcolm
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Kevin Costner plays Butch Haynes, a
criminal with a soft spot for kids. The movie
is the story of how Haynes comes to take
Phillip -- a 7-year-old Jehovah's Witness
whom he has kidnapped -- as his son.
Haynes protects the child as they proceed
across the state of Texas fleeing from the
state troopers, led by Clint Eastwood, who
are pursuing Haynes. Although Costner does
a very good job as Haynes, the movie falters
with several other problems. Among these
are a poorly defined role for Eastwood and
curiously undeveloped setting of November
1963. Both of these serve only to distract the
audience from the interaction between
Haynes and Phillip. —PM. Loews Copley
Place

***1/2 The Pelican Brief

Julia Roberts is a law student who has
created a legal brief which details her ideas
on who recently murdered two Supreme
Court justices and how it relates to the presi-
dent. Denzel Washington is a reporter for the
Washington Herald whom Roberts contacts
when her lover and his friend are killed after
they see the brief. Roberts is near perfect, and
plays the stressed and pressured student to the
hilt. Washington is convincing in his role as
the determined reporter who will stop at
nothing to get a story. The strength of the
film is in its ability to carefully develop its
plot and keep the audience's attention until
the contents of the brief are revealed at the
very end. —PM. Loews Cinerama

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