CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

5.1. Conclusion

Based on the data collected, the most dominant type of humor in Matt Rife's comedy is irony, which appears 10 times or 40% of the total. Sarcasm is also frequently used, with 7 appearances or 28%. Other types of verbal humor such as jokes appeared 3 times, equivalent to 12% of the total. Meanwhile, pun and farce appeared 2 times each with a percentage of 8%, and wit appeared once with a percentage of 4%. Some other types of humor, such as riddles, satire, limericks, parody, anecdotes, and tall tales, were not found at all in this study. The total frequency of humor occurrence is 25 times, which if calculated in percentage reaches 100%. From this, we can see that out of 25 verbal humor appearances, Matt Rife uses irony and sarcasm more often.

Matt Rife's stand-up comedy style is characterized by his ability to engage the audience, utilize linguistic skills, and effectively navigate social sensibilities. He combines techniques such as quick repetition, and audience interaction, utilizes wordplay and ambiguity, and creates unexpected humor to keep the audience engaged and entertained. His comedic approach relies on his sensitivity to audience reactions and his ability to adapt. This makes his comedy more impactful and memorable as the humor is generated from moments shared between Matt and the audience.

5.2. Suggestion

The writer would like to suggest to readers who are interested in learning verbal humor or conducting further research on the topic. Further research can examine how irony and sarcasm are utilized to convey certain messages, criticize social phenomena, or build relationships with audiences in a stand-up comedy. In addition, conducting a comparative study between the use of verbal humor by Matt Rife and other comedians who have similar or different styles can also provide a broader understanding of the distinctiveness and effectiveness of the humor techniques used by Matt Rife.

