

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Radio is a 2003 drama movie, directed by Mike Tollin .It was released in theatres on October 24, 2003, and was a financial success. This film Produced by Herb Gains, Brian O'keefe, Michael Tollin. and also written by Mike Rich. Music is done by James Horner, India.Arie, Jimmy Jam, Terry Lewis, James "Big Jim" Wright. Cinematography is done by Don Burgess. Editing by Chris Lebenzon, Harvey Rosenstock. Studio Revolution Studios. This movie is distributed by Columbia Pictures . The duration of Radio Movie is about 109 minutes. Its subtitle is English. This movie spent budget about \$35,000,000, Opening Weekend: \$13,303,724 on October, 26 2003, got revenue Gross revenue:\$52,277,485 on January, 24 2004 in USA.

Radio, released October 2003, is a film directed by Mike Tollin that is based on the true story of T. L. Hanna High School football coach Harold Jones (Ed Harris) and a mentally- challenged young man James Robert "Radio" Kennedy (Cuba Gooding, Jr.). Also starring Debra Winger and Alfre Woodard, it was inspired by the 1996 *Sports Illustrated* article "Someone to Lean On" by Gary Smith

A man who has mental limitations that each day he's just looking for stuff that is not useful on the streets, one day he sees a group of people are practicing school sector in the ball. He is interested but just watch from a distance only,

when there are balls thrown out but he takes it because he is embarrassed and inferior and he goes with the ball, the next day a herd of students who practice balls surrounding him and torture him in warehouse and he looks scared and then rescued by coach Jones. Coach Jones has Care and wants to know how to go further with his services.

Patently Coach Jones guide and eventually want to come join the children to practice. The boy was difficult to speak, less willing to communicate and shy but Coach Jones is always encouraging. Because the boy likes the radio, Coach Jones calls him Radio. Radio lives with mother who is very fond of her. His mother said Radio is actually named James Robert Kennedy, Radio has a developmental delay and it causes a slow and difficult to communicate mentally. After that, every day Radio joins and helps Coach Jones in football team in Hanna senior high school. Football team is called Yellow Jackets and when it arrives at the season, Radio always helps Coach Jones to train and give encouragement to the team, many parents who do not like about the existence of Radio in Yellow Jacket team of Hanna Senior High School but Coach Jones is trying to protect Radio from blasphemy parents, Coach Jones and his family are very fond of Radio as his own family. At the time when Yellow Jackets match the parents' desire for Radio does not participate in the match and Coach Jones leaves Radio alone and does not let him join the competition due to restrictions from parent's student. Although Radio does not let join in the competition but Radio always has spirit and with the spirit of practicing in the rain while listen to the game via radio. Actually, Radio is very useful for students Hanna therefore Radio too back in the

game late season games, but because Radio has limited mental and less understood, he cries out and leaks the player's strategy and Yellow Jacket finally loses the first round, but because spirit and the lesson was finally defeat following a Yellow Jacket and finally win. The season is over, Coach Jones requests to receive Radio in the Hanna senior high school but many problems one of which is the school board does not agree if Radio study at Hanna Senior High School because Radio has a mental disability which would disturb children's learning program in the school but Coach Jones still maintaining Radio in order to stay in Hanna Senior High and also helps the training of the students to play basketball.

On Christmas day Coach Jones invites Radio to celebrate Christmas. Coach Jones gives many gifts to Radio, Radio never celebrates Christmas like at the time and has a lot of Christmas gifts. Coach Jones and his family provide a Christmas gift the radio to Radio. Radio is very happy and loves it, because Radio likes to listen to the radio. Children Coach Jones feels jealous because of lack of attention and prefers a lot of time for the radio. The next day, Radio distributes Christmas gifts to home residents, but suddenly there is a policeman who comes and arrests him and locks in a holding cell but is finally released, because it is a misunderstanding of one of the policemen who arrested Radio. Radio back in school activities, he is always friendly to everyone so that everyone likes to him. And one time, there are students less likely to want to trap Radio so Radio exposed the problem, but Coach Jones knows that Radio does not like that, Coach Jones knows that there are people that trap him, but Radio does not want to say about the student that disturbed him, Radio still keep secret. Coach Jones knows

who has sent Radio and Coach Jones decided that the student is not allowed to join the game again. School board who heard the news continues to strive for the radio to get out of school, so did the parents who do not like the existence of radio. Once Radio's mother suffered a heart attack and died. Radio is devastated to know that the mother who loved her is gone, but Coach Jones gives understanding and encouragement on the radio to accept reality. finally Radio goes back to school, after the death of his mother's situation even worse, people who do not like being in school trying to get rid of the radio. But Coach Jones is trying to protect the radio and taught writing and reading, Radio is very pleased. Without rancor, with a loving and loyal friend of Radio giving his writing and the favourite's radio to the people who had been trying to violate Radio. Radio gives it honest heart they eventually become friends.

Coach Jones is invited at a meeting of parents who discuss about the existence of Radio in schools. Unexpectedly Coach Jones resigned, the reasons is coach Jones that want to give more attention and give more times to his wife and his children that had been neglected and overlooked. The decision is very surprising but Coach Jones wants to still teach and supervise Radio in the school if allowed. Coach Jones always guides and takes care to Radio. Everyone is proud of him and a few years later, Radio becomes football Coach in Hanna Senior High School. This is a hard struggle of Radio and Coach Jones who patiently guided, so that Radio can be like her.

There are many positive public respond: First, from inggrid Williams. She said that This is a movie that needs to be seen and appreciated for the message it

is delivering. So many time is this life we live we forget about the miracles of life. The simple aspects are so easily forgotten by many and cherished by few. This movie is one of those cherishable moments and I encourage everyone to see it

Second is from Steven he said that Praise God that there are still some Good movies left. It's ashame that the critics mark it down because they think the story is too far fetched. Truthfully we can live our lives this way if we chose.

Third is from lindy. He said that, being the mother of a special needs son I was pleased to see that there are still people out there that caring people in the world when they take the time to understand. Some people even still today stare and ridicule people of special needs. Most children just ignore special needs people and treat them if they are less than human. I feel the movie showed exactly how people with special needs are treated and how they should be treated. You never now what a person might teach you even is they are oh so very "specail". We are humans each have wonderful talents that we still need to share with each other, and not worry so much about the superficial part of our lives or what it does for or against us

There are many negative public responds : the first from ryan. He said that Did i say this movie sucked!!!NO plot...really bad acting..Dont watch this movie!!! I hate this movie..I dont like anything about this movie..another retarded movie!!!

Second is from Arif. He said that what was the point of this movie? Yes Radio was retarded, but so are a lot of people. I didn't find this gusy story so

compelling that it was worthy of a movie. The only movie worse that I have seen is In the Cut.

Third is from Mitchell Monack . He said that this movie stunk! it was so so so sad and i hate sad movies. I left during the theater saying out loud "I hate this movie" and 10 people went with me!

In the market this movie has best rating so this movie is included in box office and get many award. This movie is successful and has advantage in finance. This movie also comes out by the DVD and we can watch it by DVD Not just in the cinema.

In the industry this movie is very wonderful. This movie includes many awards such as in 2004 as nomined in Black Reel Awards on the category Best Actor – Theatrical Film. Cuba Gooding. In 2005 it Won in Camie awards on the category Todd Garner (producer), Michael Tollin (director), Mike Rich (screenwriter), Cuba Gooding Jr. (actor), Ed Harris (actor), Alfre Woodard (actress), Riley Smith (actor), Brent Sexton (actor), S. Epatha Merkerson (actress), Sarah Drew (actress). In 2004 it is nominated in ESPY award on category best Sports movie. In 2004 it Won in Image Award on Category: Outstanding Actor in a Motion Picture by Cuba Gooding Jr. and Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Motion Picture by Alfre Woodard. In 2004 it is nominated in Razzie Award on the category Worst Actor.

First, This story is very interesting because it tells the struggle of someone who is mentally handicapped to improve their lives, and teaches us that the fellow creatures of God must love each other and loving and does not differentiate

between people that despite having a physical or mental weakness. The more interesting thing is difficult to imagine that a shy person and have limitations could eventually become a reliable coach, this is very interesting to see. As well as the struggle ought to be imitated.

Second, this movie give learn to somebody in the world. Although have a differences but that is need recognition to every body in the world because no body perfect, all of the people need to learn in order to get many experience and many lesson so they can get reach future easily.

Third, Many lessons in this movie such as: We need Work hard, never give up, and willing to learn is the key to success in red what is desired, do not judge people from physical and characteristic mental not necessarily just because we're better than him, Solidarity should be maintained, and loving someone with sincerity will bear fruit of happiness.

Fourth, the message of the author is a thing to be achieved is hard work and sacrifice and sincerity to do so. Do not look down on others based on physical or mental its course, help must be sincere.

The point of this movie that this movie has many interesting thing such as The movie has character and the character in this movie is interested. Such as the Ed Harris and Cuba Gooding do a terrific job in portraying their characters with grace an dignity. Somewhat overlooked is Debra Winger in her role. She is the "backbone" of the family and in a way she represents the town. And then the character Being the mother of a special needs son I was pleased to see that there are still people out there that caring people in the world when they take the time to

understand. Some people even still today stare and ridicule people of special needs. Most children just ignore special needs people and treat them if they are less than human. the movie showed exactly how people with special needs are treated and how they should be treated.

This movie has an interested Setting. For example at places and under certain conditions to make the audience go drifting into place or time. Setting movie is very fitting to the situation at hand so that makes this movie truly real and makes the audience appreciate this movie. In this movie also has an interested plot. From the beginning to the end of the story makes the audience wonders neat to see and can follow the plot well and very memorable, and pierced the hearts of the audience. This is how you should feel when you watch a movie. Moved, Touched, Emotional, Memorable, and just feel good altogether.

Based on the theme of this movie which tells about recognition for the difference in the society. The writer will observe Radio movie by using Sociological theory. So the writer constructs the title RECOGNITION FOR THE DIFFERENCE IN MIKE TOLLIN'S *RADIO* MOVIE (2003): A SOCIOLOGICAL APPROACH.

B. Literature Review

As far as the writer known, there is no research that Radio movie as the object of the research. But there is any article research *Radio* movie. The first is *Radio transmits platitudes* by Wesley Morris, Globe Staff in 2003. The second is *Radio tunes into true comforting story* by Margaret A. McGurk in 2003. The

writer wants analyze the movie using a Sociological approach, the titles is Recognition For Difference in Mike Tollin's *Radio* Movie: A Sociological Approach.

C. Problem Statement

Knowing that the problem is the important part of research, the writer proposes, "How recognition for the difference reflected in radio movie?"

D. Limitation of the Study

The writer focuses this research in analyzing the recognition for the difference in radio movie based on sociological approach.

E. Objective of the Study

The objectives of the study are mentioned as follows :

1. To analyze recognition for the difference in radio movie based on structural element of movie.
2. To describe the recognition in radio movie based on sociological approach

F. Benefits of the Study

The benefits of the study are as follows:

1. Theoretical benefit

The study is hoped a give a new contribution and information to the reader, especially the literary studies on Radio Movie directed by Mike Tollin.

2. Practical Benefit

The study is hoped to enrich knowledge and experience of the writer and other students of Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta or another Universities who have interest with literary study on the movie from sociological approach.

G. Research Method

This research method covers type of research, object of data, source of data, technique of collection and technique of data analysis.

1. Type of research

This research use the descriptive qualitative method which is focuses the analysis of textual data. The writer hopes that to get better understanding of the movie, in literary field as references to other researches in analyzing the movie especially based on sociological approach.

2. Objects of the research

The researcher takes Mike Tollin's *Radio* movie that release October 24, 2003 as the objects of the research.

3. Type of Data and Data Source

a. Type of data

1). Text

Data in this research are from the text of the movie which is consists of word, phrase, clause, sentence and dialogue in *Radio* Movie by Mike Tollin.

2) Image

Data in this research are from the image of this movie which consists of scene of movie in *Radio Movie* by Mike Tollin.

b. Data Source.

1). The primary data source

The primary data sources of the study are *Radio* movie directed by Mike Tollin from Columbia Pictures and the script movie written by Mike Rich

2). The secondary data sources

The secondary data of the study are taken from other sources, which related to primary data, such as the biography the author, the website from internet about this movie, movie script, commentaries and other relevant information.

4. Technique of Data Collecting

The method of collecting data in this research is library research, which is collecting and recording both primary and secondary data. These techniques are as follow:

a. Primary

1). Text

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2). Image

Data in this research are from the image of this movie which consists of scene of movie in *Radio Movie* by Mike Tollin.

b. Secondary

- 1). Watching the play repeatedly and learning the script.
- 2). Taking note of the important part in both primary and secondary data.
- 3). Identifying the topic of the movie.
- 4). Determining the major character.
- 5). Classifying and determining the relevant data.
- 6). Arranging, researching and developing the selected materials into a good unity toward the topic of the study.

5. Technique of Data analysis

The technique of data analysis is descriptive qualitative analysis. It describes the structural element of the movie and also analyzed it by using sociological approach.

H. Research Paper Organization

The research paper will be divided into five chapters. Chapter I is introduction. This chapter involves the background of the study, literary review, problem statement, objective of the study, limitation of the study, benefit of the study, research method and paper organization.

Chapter II is dealing with underlying theory, consist of sociological theory. Which is the perspective of sociology of literature, Structure element of movie and theoretical application.

Chapter III is social historical background of American society in early twenty –first century which covers social aspect, political aspect, economic aspect, science and technology, cultural aspect and religious aspect.

Chapter IV is structure analysis of Radio Movie, that consists of 1. the structural element of radio movie, it consist of the character and characterization, Casting, plot, technical element of the movie, point of view, setting, theme and style.2. Discussion.

Chapter V is Sociological Analysis of Radio movie, it consist of social aspect, political aspect, economic aspect, science and technology, cultural aspect and religious aspect.

Chapter VI is conclusion and suggestion for this research paper