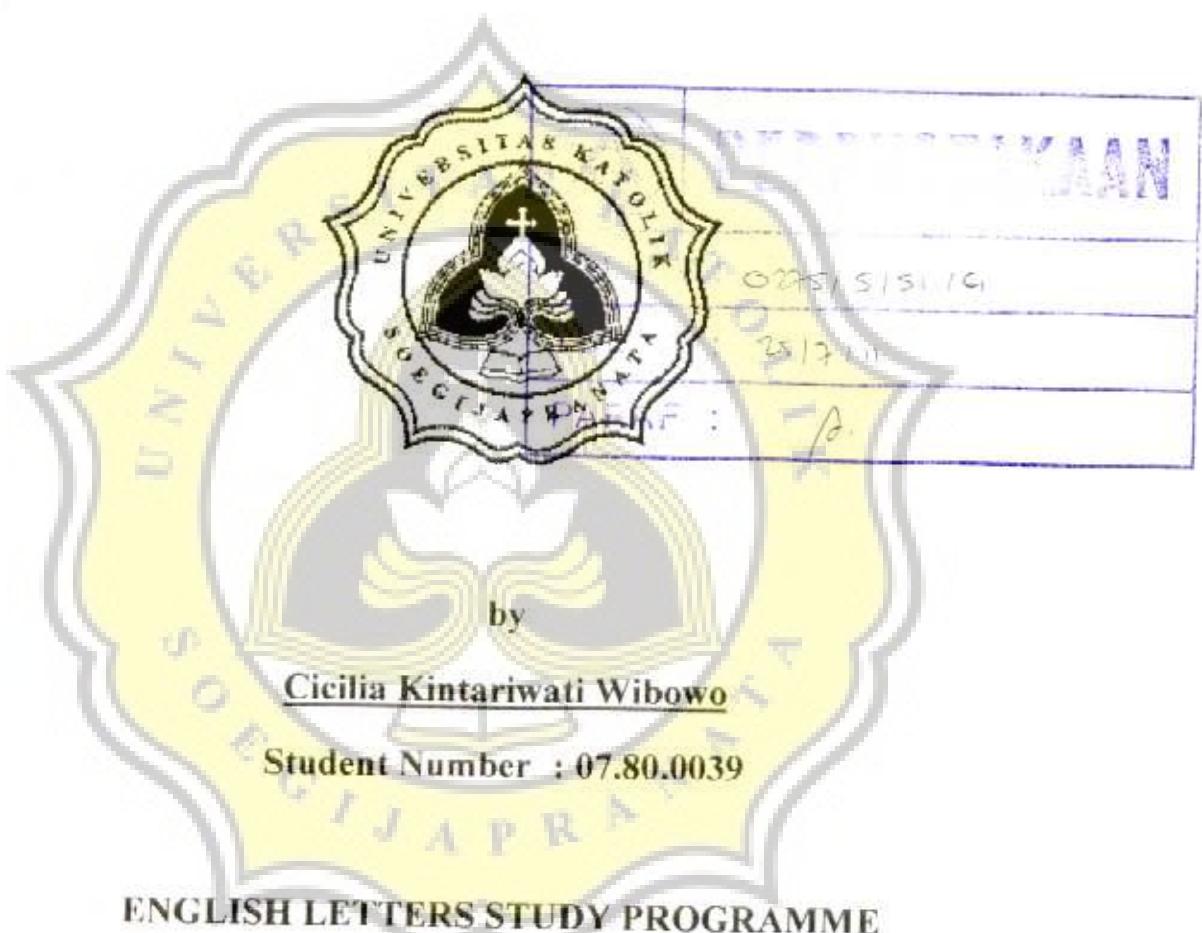


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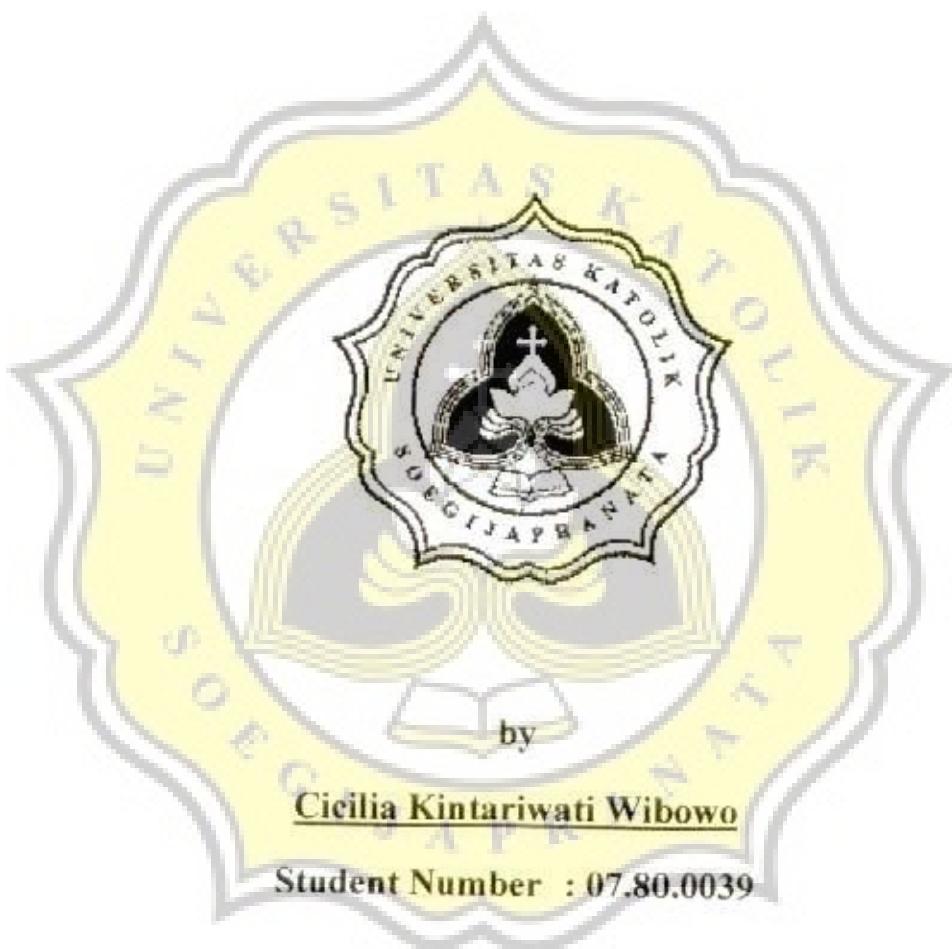


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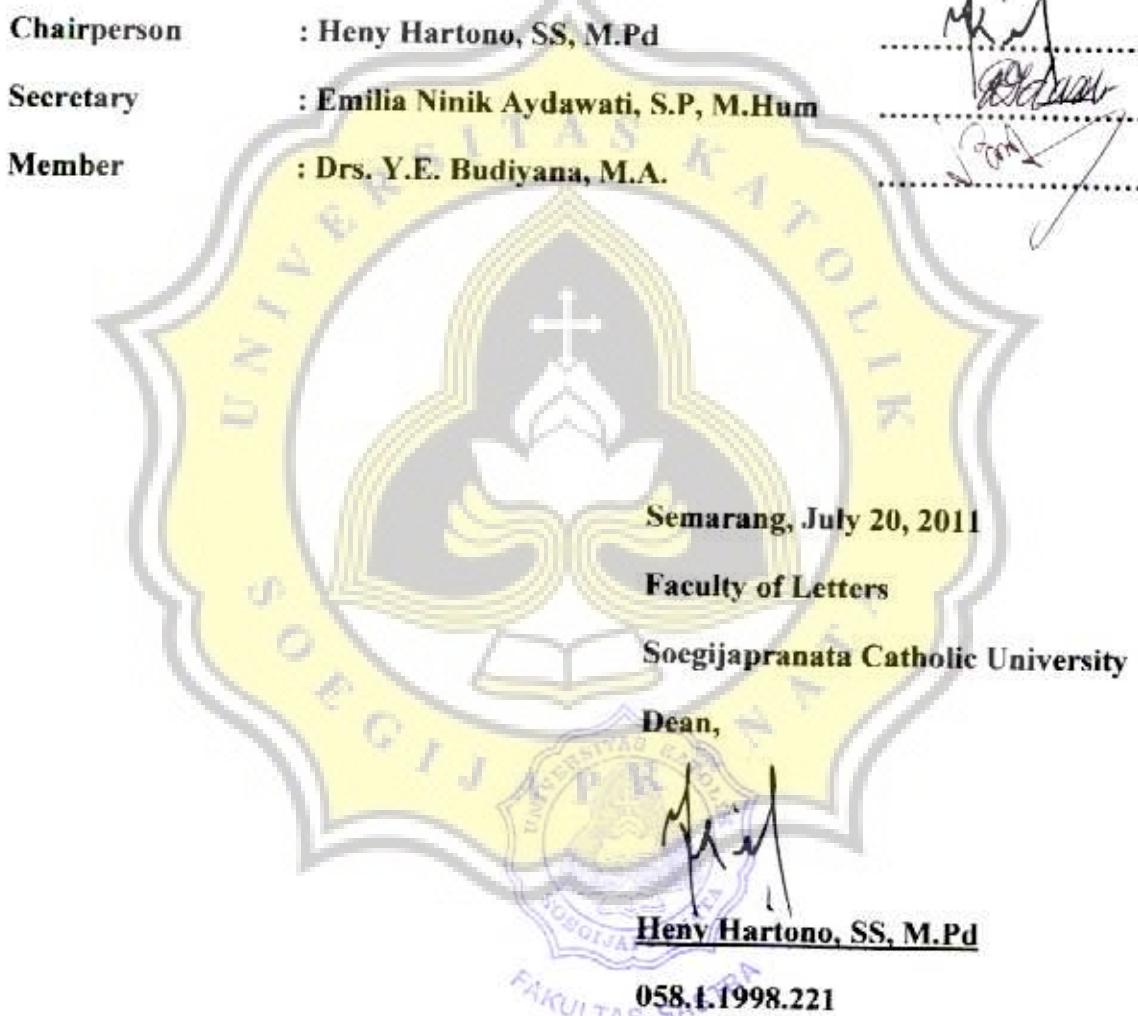
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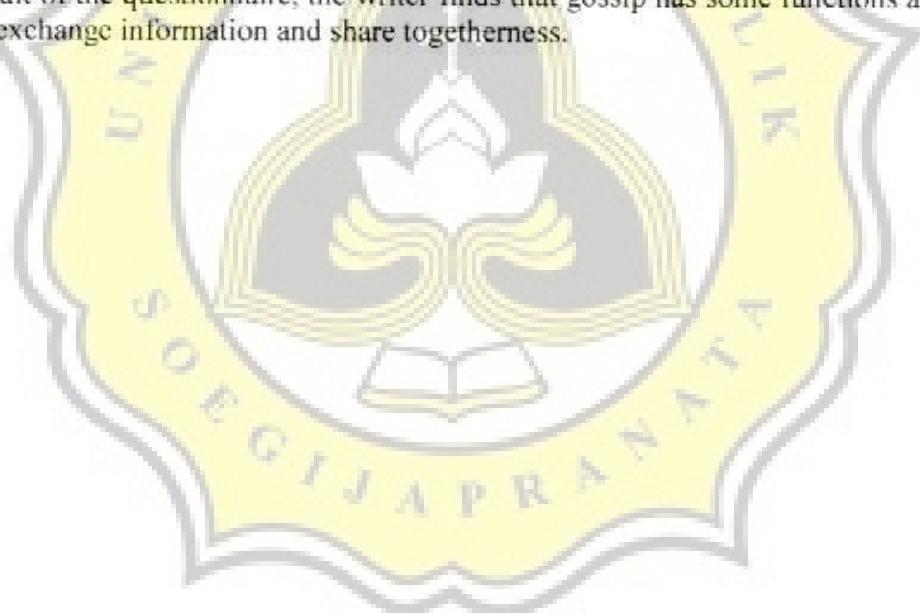
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## **ABSTRACT**

This study is purposed to explain some aspects about the generic structures and social functions in gossip. Gossip is taken by the writer as the main data because gossip is a part of daily activity and it is very interesting to be analyzed. The analysis of gossip covers two parts, which are: the generic structures and social functions from the gossip itself. This study refers to the theory of Eggins and Slade (1997), which is describing about elements in the generic structures of gossip. According to Eggins and Slade, the generic structures of gossip covers two things, they are: obligatory element and optional element. Based on two elements above the writer tries to make the pattern of gossip that happens between the lecturers and the students; and also the gossip among the students. The result of this research is very interesting that there is found the element of obligatory only and the mix of obligatory element plus optional element. While the social function from gossip that the writer finds from the questionnaire used as supporting this study. Based on the result of the questionnaire, the writer finds that gossip has some functions as medium to exchange information and share togetherness.



## **ABSTRAK**

Study ini bertujuan untuk memaparkan beberapa aspek mengenai struktur umum dan fungsi sosial yang terdapat dalam gossip. Gossip dipilih penulis sebagai data utama karena gossip merupakan bagian dari kegiatan sehari-hari dan sangat menarik untuk dianalisa. Analisa pada gossip meliputi dua hal yaitu: struktur umum dan fungsi dari gossip itu sendiri. Studi ini mengacu pada teori Eggins dan Slade (1997), yang mendeskripsikan elemen-elemen yang ada dalam struktur umum gossip. Menurut Eggins dan Slade, struktur umum dalam gossip meliputi dua hal, yaitu: element wajib dan element fakultatif. Dari dua elemen tersebut penulis mencoba untuk memberi pola pada gossip yang terjadi antara gossip yang dilakukan oleh dosen dan mahasiswa, juga gossip yang dilakukan antar mahasiswa. Hasil dari penelitian ini sangatlah menarik bahwa ditemukan unsur dari elemen wajib saja dan gabungan dari elemen wajib + elemen fakultatif. Sementara fungsi sosial dari gossip penulis temukan dari kuesioner yang digunakan sebagai pendukung dalam studi ini. Berdasarkan hasil kuesioner, penulis menemukan bahwa gossip mempunyai fungsi sebagai sarana bertukar informasi dan berbagi kebersamaan.

