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Lord knows dreams are hard to follow,

But don't let anyone tear them away.

Hold on, there will be tomorrow

In time you'll find the way.

*And then a hero comes along with the strength to carry
on.*

And you cast your fears aside

And you know you can survive

So when you feel like hope is gone

Look inside you and be strong

And you'll finally see the truth that a hero lies in you.

Hero-Mariah Carey

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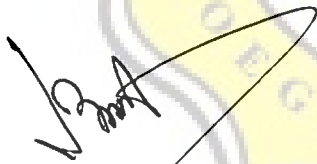
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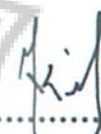
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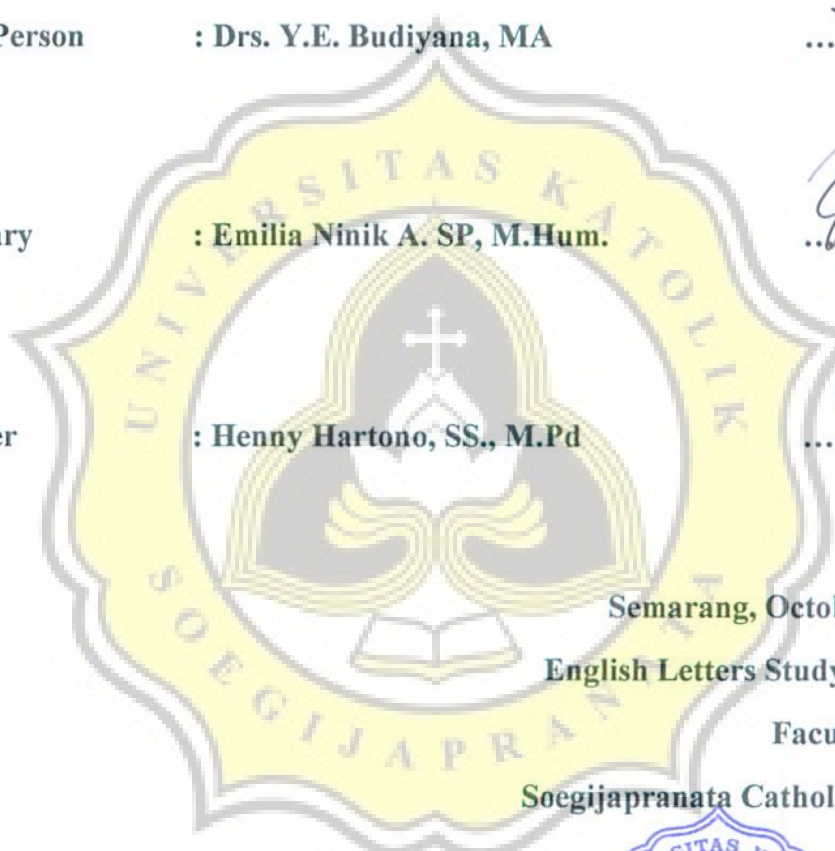

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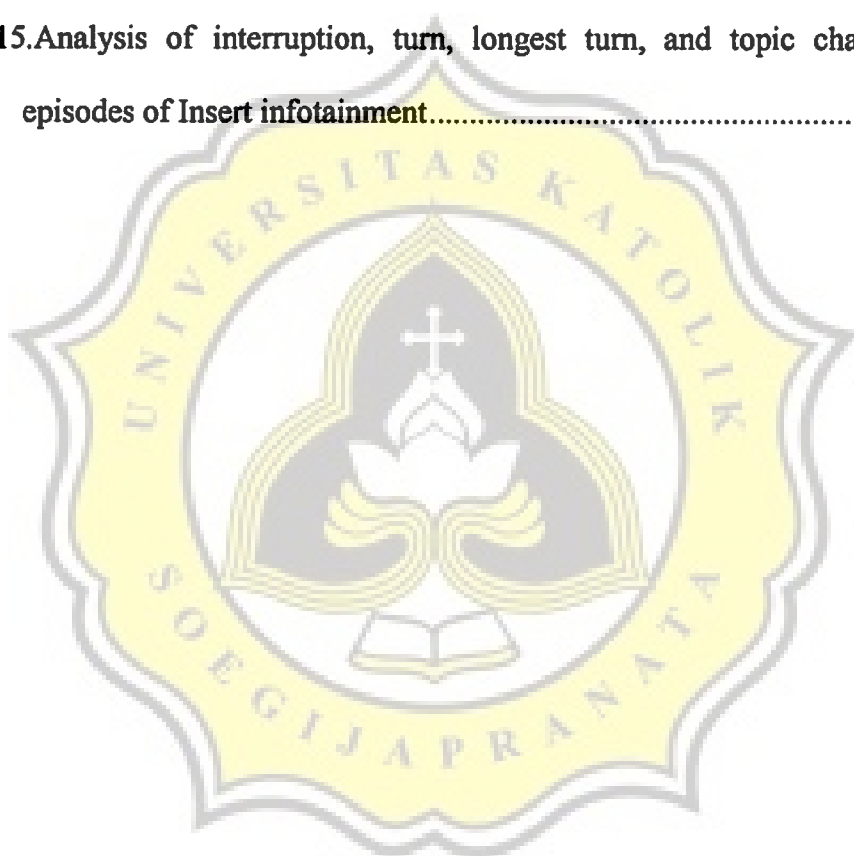
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ABSTRACT

Men and women use different ways of using language when they speak one another. These differences include the interruptions, turns, longest turns, and topic changes. In this study, the writer tries to find out how far the differences between men and women in conversation are, especially when they are gossiping celebrities news. Furthermore, the differences are compared and can be used also to find out who holds the power of conversation in responding to gossip news in *Insert Infotainment*, male presenter or female presenter.

This study is qualitative, and the writer took five episodes of *Insert Infotainment* from www.youtube.com and transcribed the results to obtain the required data. In addition, the results of analysis show that female presenters dominate the conversation. It is seen from the final result that shows the average of interruption, turn, longest turn, and topic change. Female presenters made 59.36% and male presenters done 40.64% because gossip is one of the female's feature. It is proved by the number of percentage in the term of longest turn and topic change, female presenters had more percentage than male presenters. Female presenters of *Insert Infotainment* talk more and longer than male presenters. Male presenters tend to provide support in a conversation while female presenters debate about comments or opinion given by male presenters.

ABSTRAK

Pria dan wanita menggunakan bahasa yang berbeda saat mereka bercakap-cakap dengan orang lain. Perbedaan-perbedaan tersebut antara lain dalam interupsi, kesempatan berbicara, terpanjang kesempatannya untuk berbicara, dan perubahan topic. Karena berbagai perbedaan tersebut penulis mencoba mencari tahu sejauh mana perbedaan antara pria dan wanita dalam percakapan terutama saat mereka menggosipkan sebuah berita. Selanjutnya perbedaan tersebut dibandingkan dan dapat digunakan juga untuk mencari tau tentang siapa yang mempunyai power, presenter pria atau wanita.

Karena penelitian ini bersifat kualitatif, sangatlah penting bagi penulis untuk mengambil video dari www.youtube.com dan akhirnya mentranskripsikan hasil untuk memperoleh data yang dibutuhkan. Penulis mengambil video tentang Insert Infotainment sebanyak lima episode. Hasil dari analisa menunjukkan bahwa perempuan lebih mendominasi percakapan. Hal tersebut dapat dilihat dari hasil akhir, nilai rata-rata interupsi, kesempatan berbicara, dan perubahan topik presenter perempuan mempunyai persentasi 59.36% dan presenter pria mempunyai 40.64%. Itu juga dikarenakan presenter perempuan lebih menguasai topik dan karena gosip merupakan salah satu sifat perempuan. Terbukti dari hasil persentasi kesempatan berbicara dan perubahan topic, presenter perempuan memiliki persentasi yang lebih besar dari presenter pria. Presenter perempuan di Insert infotainment berbicara lebih banyak dan lebih panjang dibandingkan presenter pria. Presenter pria cenderung memberikan dukungan dalam percakapan sedangkan presenter perempuan lebih sering memperdebatkan komentar tahu opini yang diberikan oleh presenter pria.