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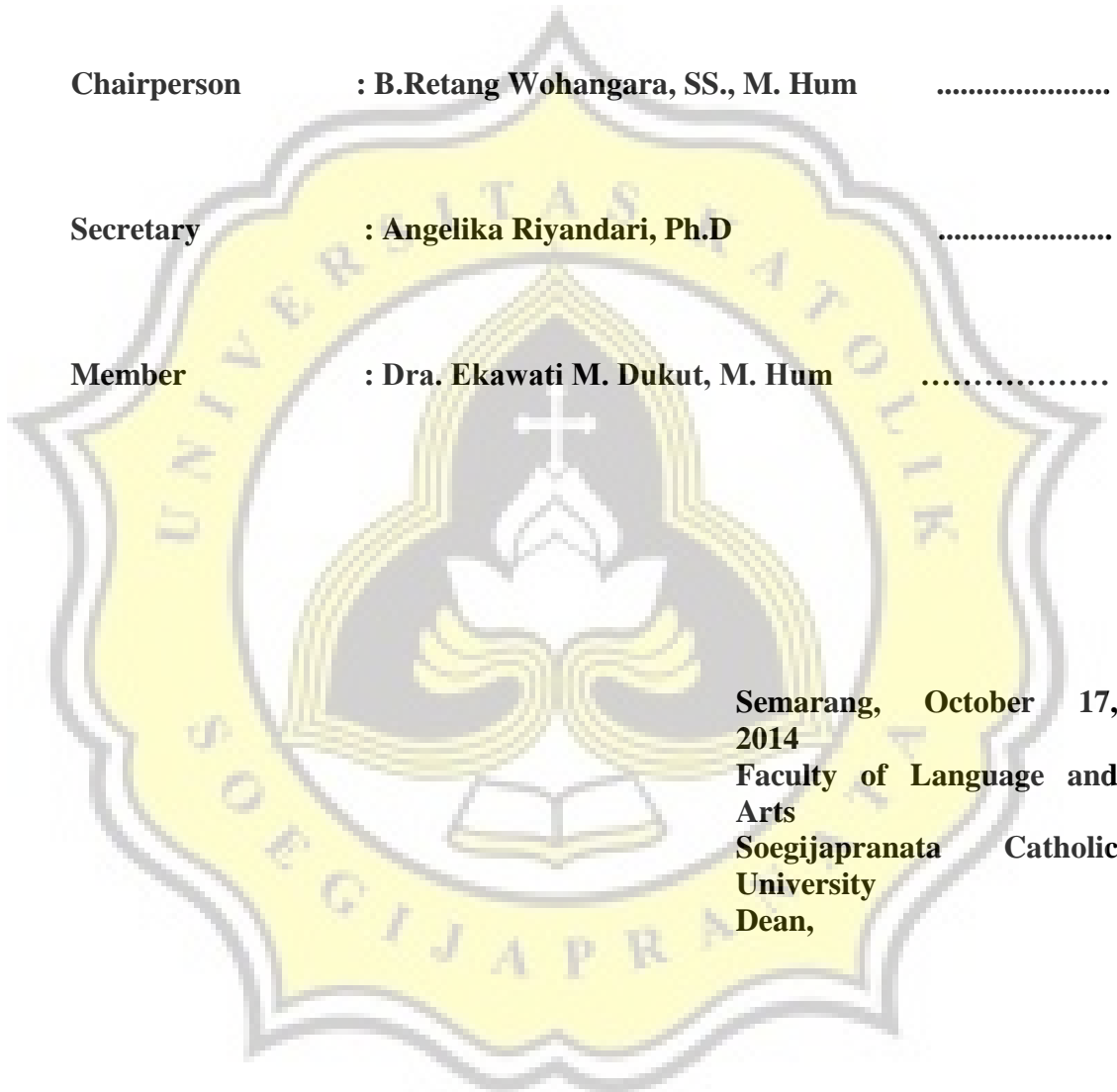
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## ABSTRACT

Kurt Cobain was a rock legend. As a rockstar, he had everything like money and popularity. However, he could not enjoy his life because of having an unhappy childhood. All of the tragedies that happened in his childhood had a great influence on his written lyrics. The aim of this study is to explain how Kurt Cobain's depressed life story is represented in his lyrics. This analysis uses biographical approach which means to relate the lyrics to Kurt Cobain's biography. The biographical data were taken from the book *Heavier Than Heaven* and the relevant lyrics from internet. The writer found that by writing lyrics, Kurt Cobain wanted to express his depression and disappointment toward his family.



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Kurt Cobain adalah seorang bintang rock legendaris. Sebagai seorang bintang rock, dia memiliki segalanya seperti uang dan popularitas. Akan tetapi, dia tidak dapat menikmati hidupnya karena dia mempunyai masa kecil yang menyedihkan. Semua tragedi yang terjadi di masa kecilnya menginspirasi untuk menulis lirik lagu. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk menjelaskan bagaimana kehidupan depresi Kurt Cobain digambarkan dalam lirik-liriknya. Penelitian ini menggunakan pendekatan biografi, yaitu dengan menghubungkan biografi Kurt Cobain dengan lirik-lirik lagu ciptaannya. Data biografi Cobain berasal dari buku *Heavier Than Heaven* dan lirik lagunya dari internet. Menurut penulis, dengan menulis lirik, Kurt Cobain ingin mengekspresikan perasaan depresi dan kekecewaannya kepada keluarganya.

