

ABSTRACTS

This thesis entitled “Discourse Markers in Debate Night in America Program: A Pragmatic Analysis”. The objectives of this research are to analyze and describe the types and functions of discourse markers which occur in Debate Night in America Program. Each markers that frequently occurs in the program demonstrates the types and the functions as a special sort of discourse markers in particular news interviews.

This study uses description method to analyze the research. Pragmatic is used to approach the analysis, which is mainly developed by Schiffrin (1987). She called discourse markers as linguistics expressions which can be a word or phrase. There are seventy three of data samples are provided in the analysis. The data are taken from Debate Night in America Program. It is special program in discussing and predicting the presidential election in America.

The results of this study show five markers that frequently occur in Debate Night in America Program. They are *well*, *so*, *you know*, *I mean*, and *like*. In term of functions, each frequently markers propose various functions. Each markers serve their own function in guiding the hearer and the audience to interpret the intended meaning of the speaker. In addition, the functions of discourse markers provide particular purpose by the speaker in order to influence and attract the voters.