1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Literature is an art of written work. Literature may be fiction, providing expression to the creativity of the author and allowing the readers to introduce parts of personal interpretation to the recorded words. Imagination is inspired from thinking of something which relates to the life, nature, and fantasy. It can be restrained as one pleasure.

Wellek and Warren (1971:3) say “Literature is the mirror of human life that portrays human feeling, thought, imagination and perception which can be viewed based on personal judgements”. It consists of imaginative act from the human’s imagination and interpreting experiences.

Taylor (1981: 1) says “Literature, like other arts, is essentially an imagination in selecting, ordering and interpreting life-experience”. It means that literature is a reflection of life imaginatively. Literature contents of emotion expression, such as felling of sad, happy, jealous and so on.

There has been a long debate of what the functional literature is. The pessimistic opinion would have looked at it as imaginative realism that cannot be studied at all. Literature can only be enjoyed for it tends to offer subjective element rather than objective one. Yet, the rest is more optimistic to value literature as a kind of knowledge that can be studied objectively. It has its medium language which is
materially systematic. Therefore, literature is broadly applicable knowledge which is both subjective and realistic.

The writer has chosen Nicholas Sparks’ novel “THE NOTEBOOK” as the object of this paper because the writer is interested in triangle love in this novel. This novel tells about Noah who met Allie on summer. They have a summer romance and they fall in love to each other. It goes to pieces as he is a working class guy and she is a socialite, it makes her parents do not believe in their love. They split up but the love doesn't die. Noah keeps sending her letter for a year but he got no reply. Right after the war ended, he bought a house in new bern and spent the last eleven months to repair it. The reporter from Raleigh paper had done an article about the house which was one of the finest restorations. For few years separation, they meet again but Allie had had someone else, Lon. Allie loves Lon, but she still feels the same feeling to Noah like they had been through on summer. Allie did not want to hurt Lon, but another part of her want to get back together again with Noah.

This is the background as well as the reason why the writer chose the paper titled: The Description of Triangle Love in Nicholas Sparks’ Novel “The Notebook”.

1.2 The Problem of the Study

The problems of this study can be defined as below:

1. How does Noah love Allie?
2. How does Lon love Allie?
3. How does Allie love Noah?
4. How does Allie love Lon?
1.3 Scope of the Study

The scope is useful to avoid confusion of the readers in understanding the analysis and acquire good result. Since literature has a wide field of studying, the writer keep on her attention to discuss the triangle love found in the novel in order not to run away from the real topic being discussed.

1.4 Purpose of the Study

The purpose of the study in this paper is to describe the triangle love among Noah Calhoun, Allie Nelson, and Lon Hammond Jr.

1.5 Reason for Choosing the Topic

The writer has chosen Nicholas Sparks’ Novel “THE NOTEBOOK” as the subject of the paper, because the writer is interested to describe the triangle love among Noah Calhoun, Allie Nelson, and Lon Hammond Jr.

1.6 Method of the Study

The writer uses two methods to collect the data, they are library research and internet research. Method of library research for finding data is reading the novel then takes some important ideas to be the subject matter and collecting some book which relevant to the analysis of this paper to be references. Method of Internet research is inviting the website that relevans to this paper to find the material then the data is copied to be reference.