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Included below is a press release regarding a current exhibit at Ferris State University's Rankin Art Gallery. Further information is available by contacting Leah Nixon, assistant director of News Services.

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'Put your thoughts on display' at Ferris' Rankin Art Gallery

BIG RAPIDS – The Rankin Art Gallery at Ferris State University is featuring the "Engaging Thought Exhibit," part of the American Institute of Graphic Art's "What's On Your Mind" collection, through Feb. 1.

The sole purpose of this exhibit is to give people an opportunity to express their thoughts and feelings without ever having to identify themselves. People are encouraged to go to the gallery and write their ideas on thought bubbles provided, which then will be displayed on the gallery's walls. A reception will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. on Feb. 1 to display the results of the exhibit.

"We are hoping to get a range of thoughts of what's on people's minds," said Nicholas Paulin, president of the Ferris AIGA chapter, RightMinds. According to Paulin, a similar exhibit last year asked students to express themselves visually, but it became design student prominent.

"By asking for written thoughts and expressions, it allows more people to get involved. It should be more engaging than last year," he added.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Further information is available by contacting Carrie Weis at (231) 591-2536 or weisc@ferris.edu.

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