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The Hastings College Chapter of MENC has had a busy and active few months with biweekly meetings and fundraisers promoting music. The fall semester began with a mixer resulting in a large influx of new members from the freshman class. We took nearly thirty of our members to convention this year, which was a great experience. The chapter is proud to claim the new Apprentice Chair, Collegiate Members on the Executive Board as its own secretary, Jessica Hazelton.

In the coming semester, the chapter looks forward to one of its biggest events of the year. April 2 will be the third annual Music in the Making workshop. This time-consuming and rewarding project is a great experience for everyone involved. Members have the opportunity to gain teaching experiences with classes ranging from music history, musical theater, theory, and ear-training to basic guitar, brass and woodwind methods, piano, and mass choir, to name a very few. High school students come from the surrounding area and take five or so classes. A lunch is provided and the students also have an opportunity to hear a short recital from some of our performing members. A productive past few months lie behind the chapter, and the next few hold great potential for members to grow and improve as musicians and educators.

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