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Dr. F. C. Allen  
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Dear Dr. Allen:

I wanted to let you know about the results of our first attempt at the Square Dance Party. Friday night we had 25 to 30 students present, all of whom seemed to have a delightful time. They were anxious to know when we would dance again.

As you know Miss Stapleton and I went to Colorado Springs this summer to take a week's course with Dr. Lloyd Shaw of the Cheyenne Mountain School. He has done much to repopularize this type of dancing. We had enjoyed it so much previously that we felt it would be an excellent activity for the social life of the more shy and retiring student.

I believe this type of a program is going to meet the needs, particularly, of the independent student and of the student who has little social life. The men or women can come with dates or not as they wish.

Just after we had finished our dance a group of fifteen or more people came in from the Wesley Foundation. Next week we will have a longer session but for the first time we danced for only an hour and a half.

W. A. A. is interested in having this as one of their projects. We expect, at least for the present, to have such a dance each Friday night. The faculty members and their wives are cordially invited to attend also.

If the interest increases as I feel sure it will, we will need an amplifying system. Even the noise of twenty-five shuffling pairs of feet made it difficult to hear the call.

I believe Sasnak Club would enjoy an evening of Square Dancing, too.

Sincerely,

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