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UK HepKats Swing To Educate About Dance

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First dance to be held Feb. 15.

Are you looking to have a swingin' good time? Then check out the University of Kentucky's HepKats Swing Dance Club on Monday evenings in the Alumni Gym.

Every Monday the club meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m., giving dance lessons to all levels of dancers. Dues are \$20, and all UK students, alumni, faculty and staff may join.

"We provide a fun and non-intimidating way to dance with others and get a physical workout from the dancing," said Mike Richardson, a professor in the UK College of Pharmacy and coordinator of the club.

The club holds 14 dance lessons a semester, and on the First and third Friday of each month, it sponsors a swing dance Practice Party from 7 to 10 p.m. at Barker Hall Dance Studio.

Part of the HepKats mission, Richardson said, is to bring swing dancing and music to the UK campus, Lexington and the Central Kentucky area. The club members also want to promote the historical development of swing dance and music, as they demonstrate the benefits and fun of social dancing in general.

On Feb. 15, the HepKats will host their dance for the semester from 8 p.m. until midnight in the Student Center Ballroom. Members and non-members are invited. The cost to attend is \$3 for students and \$5 for non-students.

For information about the club, visit www.uky.edu/StudentOrgs/HKSDC.



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Members of the University of Kentucky HepKats Swing Dance Club practice at a recent meeting. Every Monday, the club meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m., giving dance lessons to all levels of dancers.