

AIDS organization has brand new home

□ *Research and Education program celebrates move, promotes awareness*

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Wayne State University's AIDS Research and Education Program opened its doors to approximately 30 guests Monday to show off its new facilities, located in the Metro Center for High Technology, 2727 Second Ave.

The group moved in January. Monday's event featured speak-



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■ David Adamany speaks at Monday's opening of the new center.

ers and a tour of the new facilities.

The purpose of the program is AIDS education for health care professionals and health care providers, said Ali M. Naqvi, director of the AIDS Research Program.

"We're here to promote AIDS education," he said. "We do this in two parts. One being information, the second being open discussion."

Speakers and national authorities on AIDS work with the group on education.

"We bring big names to the city," he said.

Naqvi said his program helps inform other groups about AIDS and what is being done to treat people with AIDS. They offer programs and speakers on a variety of AIDS-related topics, he said.

"If a specific group wants a speaker to come and talk to them, we will arrange for a speaker to go out to them free of charge," said Naqvi. "We have a list of 20 topics they can choose and 40 speakers."

The program tries to give health care workers a feeling of compassion and understanding to AIDS victims, said Naqvi.

"We hope to try to teach the children," he said.

WSU President David Adamany agreed with Naqvi on the importance of AIDS education for children.

"The names on the AIDS quilt are a reminder of the importance of the project," Adamany told guests in attendance. "There were

several large panels prepared by hospital personnel commemorating a single panel of small children, five years and below, that were killed by this disease.

"This is an equal opportunity

killer," said Adamany.

Aside from the serious topic of the speech, the program members were happy to be in their new home.

"We did not have enough room

at our old offices on Cass (in the Cohn Building)," said Rosalind Grandy, office manager assistant. "They were sharing it with the Nursing department and now we have more room."