

About 125 Attend Afro-American Center Reception

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"The reuniting of a family," was the way Sam Salter, new director of the Afro-American and Race Relations Center, described the student-sponsored reception held Wednesday night.

The attendance of about 125 included black students, black faculty, and Dean Stephen Kleene, of the University of Wisconsin College of Letters and Sciences.

"We began to lay some of the basic groundwork, so that some realistic things can be done in terms of all black people on campus and in the community," Salter said of the reception.

"The presence of Dean Kleene exemplified the possibilities of a new cooperative era between the Afro-American Center and the university," he added.

Four rooms were dedicated Wednesday including the Communication Center, the Fred Hampton Reception Room, the Malcolm Library and the Ujaam Room. Ujaam is a Swahili word meaning "work together."

Salter said "the center is liberated and organized around practical realities bringing black people together." Salter was named director of the center Friday.