

Declines to Press Charges

The Ingham County prosecutor's office Thursday declined to press charges on behalf of Thomas R. Haring, one of two students involved in the fight that reportedly touched off the "Holden Hall incident" at Michigan State University this week.

Haring had asked that assault charges be filed against Samuel L. Riddle, the black student with whom Haring fought Monday night at the exit of the Holden Hall cafeteria.

The prosecutor's office refused to press charges, saying there were too many versions on how the fight had started.

DECLINES ACTION

The prosecutor's office had declined Wednesday to press charges on behalf of Riddle against Haring.

Tuesday, in the wake of that fight, some 150 black students

occupied the dormitory's dining area and ordered whites to leave and the cafeteria was closed 45 minutes early.

The blacks left shortly after the cafeteria was closed and

the next day the cafeteria returned to normal operations.

Some university officials said they view the incident as a fight between two students that mushroomed into a racial

matter because one was black and the other white.

EXPRESSES VIEW

Milton B. Dickerson, vice president for student affairs, said:

"I hope the black students as a group will bring pressure on those involved so that it will not happen again on the basis that the incident was personal.

"It involved the feelings of one black student and what happened Tuesday night hurt all black students and puts a road-block between what they and almost everybody else want—a growth of understanding between the races.

"So I expect the rest of the blacks will make that known so it will not happen again."

Researcher Notes TB Preventive at Meeting

Tuberculosis can be prevented as well as treated in persons infected by the TB germ, Dr. Phyllis Q. Edwards of the U.S. Public Health Service said Thursday.

Dr. Edwards, who has worked for more than 20 years in control and research of tuberculosis, said the preventive treatment involves use of the drug isoniazid.

She said research trials by the Public Health Service es-

The award is made annually to recognize an individual who has devoted a significant portion of his career to the field of TB treatment or control. Dr. Haight was cited for his pioneering work in lung surgery.

Waverly Teachers

Adams Eases Hall Incident

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The "Holden Hall incident" seems to have blown over today as dorm residents agreed to try to work things out among themselves after meeting informally with Acting MSU President Walter Adams.

The "Holden Hall incident" occurred late Tuesday afternoon when some black students occupied the cafeteria and ordered whites to leave, campus authorities said.

"We're here because one of our brothers was mistreated yesterday," one of the blacks was reported to have said.

There were a "couple of incidents of shoving," as Milton B. Dickerson, vice president of student affairs, said in an official statement today.

But a potentially explosive situation was apparently defused as students, campus po-

lice and university officials intentionally backed off.

The black students left the cafeteria after it was closed 45 minutes early.

There were no incidents during Wednesday's supper hour, and most of the students seemed to feel the matter was settled.

ACTION URGED

In the State Senate today, Sen. John Bowman, D-Roseville, introduced a resolution calling for dismissal and criminal prosecution of black students who took part in the Holden Hall cafeteria incident Monday night.

After a brief debate on the question of giving the resolution immediate consideration, it was referred to the Senate Business Committee.

Bowman called the students who instigated the incident "a bunch of hoodlums trying to get their cause ... into the limelight." He said MSU officials "can no longer say it's just a little tantrum."

His resolution said the black students "walked into the cafeteria ... and in a manner reminiscent of the Storm Troopers of Nazi Germany demanded that all whites leave the dining room." He urged that officials take "immediate and strong action against the perpetrators of this outrage and that criminal action be instituted against them and, if they are found to be students at the university, that they be expelled."

TRIGGERED

Tuesday's incident was triggered by a fight Monday night between Samuel L. Riddle, a black student, and Thomas R. Haring, a white student employed at the cafeteria, cafeteria sources said.

"It started out as a simple fight between two students," explained Donald H. Ralph, manager of Holden Hall. "But it developed into something racial because one happened to be black and the other white."

Riddle contacted the Ingham County prosecutor's office Wednesday. His request for charges against Haring was denied.

Haring was scheduled to talk with the prosecutor sometime today.

Adams dropped in unexpectedly at the Holden grill late Wednesday, where he, Mrs. Adams and some students discussed the incident.

Talk was informal but the gist was, according to Adams, that the student themselves try more discussion between whites and blacks to get more understanding.

From the casual way students ate and chatted around the tables Wednesday, an outsider could never guess that 24 hours earlier the cafeteria was the scene of a situation that verged on an explosion.

The hall was about 1,300 students, including a small percentage of blacks. As most of them filed through for the day's last meal, the atmosphere seemed to be one of "being where it's at" rather than expecting more violence.

Forums Slated

ALLENDALE (AP) — A series of forums and debates beginning next Monday and running through Nov. 7 will help Grand Valley State College determine whether it will conduct classified government research.

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Black students force cafeteria shutdown

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A protest by black students forced Holden Hall management to close the cafeteria Tuesday night.

Members of the Black Liberation Front (BLF) and other black students, not all residents of Holden, were protesting the alleged mistreatment of some members by a cafeteria employee at Holden Monday night.

Two stories have been circulating as to the Monday night events.

One version says Tom Haring, cafeteria employee, told the blacks to use the main entrance. Sam Riddle, BLF representative, presented a pass that allows him admittance into any residence hall cafeteria. Haring informed them that passes were only honored at the main entrance. A fight ensued.

In the other version, Riddle asked Haring to get a supervisor to confirm Riddle's right of admittance. Haring refused and allegedly pushed Riddle out of the cafeteria.

The cafeteria audience was informed by the group, "that this wouldn't be the end, you can't keep us out."

A meeting was held by black students following the conflict Monday night.

Tuesday night, Riddle led the black students back into the cafeteria. Riddle approached several Holden Hall officials seated at a front table and asked them to leave so his members could occupy the tables. They agreed.

Black students milled around the cafeteria, a few swinging billy clubs and informing the residents that their dinner was over. Observing the mounting tension, cafeteria management closed the cafeteria and residents were told to eat at Wilson.

Students swarmed out of the cafeteria and a few minor clashes between blacks and whites resulted. One white student said, "It's my cafeteria and I'm not going to leave." A black student informed him, "You ain't got no God damn cafeteria."

The black students had a short meeting after the whites dispersed and left Holden to regroup at the Wilson Auditorium.

Riddle, other members of the BLF and Holden Hall officials refused to comment on the situation.

Haring has filed a complaint of assault and battery against Riddle.

Correction 10/23

A story on the Black Liberation Front Wednesday reported that Sam Riddle led the demonstration in Holden Tuesday night and that "a few" billy clubs were swung.

Riddle did not lead the demonstration, as reported, and only one billy club was actually reported. The State News regrets any misunderstandings which may have been caused by the errors.