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SPRINT STAR ENDS SUSPENSE

Dill Picks Spartans

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Marshall Dill, the greatest sprinter ever produced in Michigan, will enroll next fall at Michigan State.

Tuesday night Dill returned a national letter of intent to the Spartans thus ending all speculation as to where he'd continue his education. There were rumors that he was interested in attending Southern Cal but Dill denied this.

A week ago he ran in the Golden West Relays in California and came home unimpressed.

JIM BIBBS, MSU's assistant track coach, can be given a major chunk of the credit for wooing the 6-2, 197-pound Northern High speedster.

Bibbs, who is also black, has attended almost all of Dill's major events this season and has trailed him from Mansfield, O., to Detroit, and on to Chicago.

"It would be a shame to let this boy get out of the state of Michigan," Bibbs said at Mansfield. "He'll be an Olympic champion some day and we want a chance to develop him right here in Michigan."

Four times this season Dill has been clocked in 9.4 seconds in the 100-yard dash but with his size and strength he may eventually develop into a great quarter-miler or 400 meter runner in Olympic jargon.

DILL IS an exceptional student and says he wants to study law. He owns both the state Class A records in the 100 and 220.

Although he's been recruited as a track man there are those on the Spartan campus, including Duffy Daugherty, who feel he might give football a shot. He played split end for Northern High last fall.

But Dill says he has no immediate plans for football... that he hopes to concentrate on track and his studies. On the other hand, however, he hasn't turned his back completely on the game.

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