

Send in a play - the winner is...

Total Oregon touchdowns for the month of November - 0.

The Ducks have the ball, first-and-10. The center snaps the ball to the quarterback who . . . promptly punts. Why?

"We don't want to give the Oregon offense more than one chance to fumble, lose yardage, etc.," says J.W. and M.S., anonymous composers of one of the anonymous entries in the Emerald Sports' "Send In a Play" contest.

Out of all the entries received in the past two weeks, not **one** play was serious. That tells something about how Oregon fans are taking the dismal season.

Some of the craziest entries were also the best. A well-known ex-Duck player submitted a play calling for four quarterbacks on the field at once. "Somebody should be inspired to get the job done," he writes.

"The Statue of Puberty" was submitted by Randy Haines, who suggested that the Ducks send in their "most pubescent, young, inexperienced quarterback available - Danny McAlister."

The Ducks have scored 108 points in 10 games; Clemson scored 82 points in one game.

One of my favorites was the "Misdirection." Blockers go right, and the quarterback goes left. The split end heads for the nearest phone booth and dials 911 for an ambulance to pick up the quarterback's remains - "if they can find them."

The creator of "Misdirection" was Tim Kuhn, who also dreamed up the winning play shown above right. He titles it "Desideratum" - meaning something needed or desired.

"The play is useful for recruiting and cutting costs," writes Tim. "It informs potential recruits that they have a good chance of getting considerable amounts of playing time. It also eliminates the need to have a band march through formations, thus eliminating costly half-time shows."

For his masterpiece, the Emerald is buying Tim two free tickets . . . to a basketball game.

Total points this season - Opponents 230, Oregon 108.

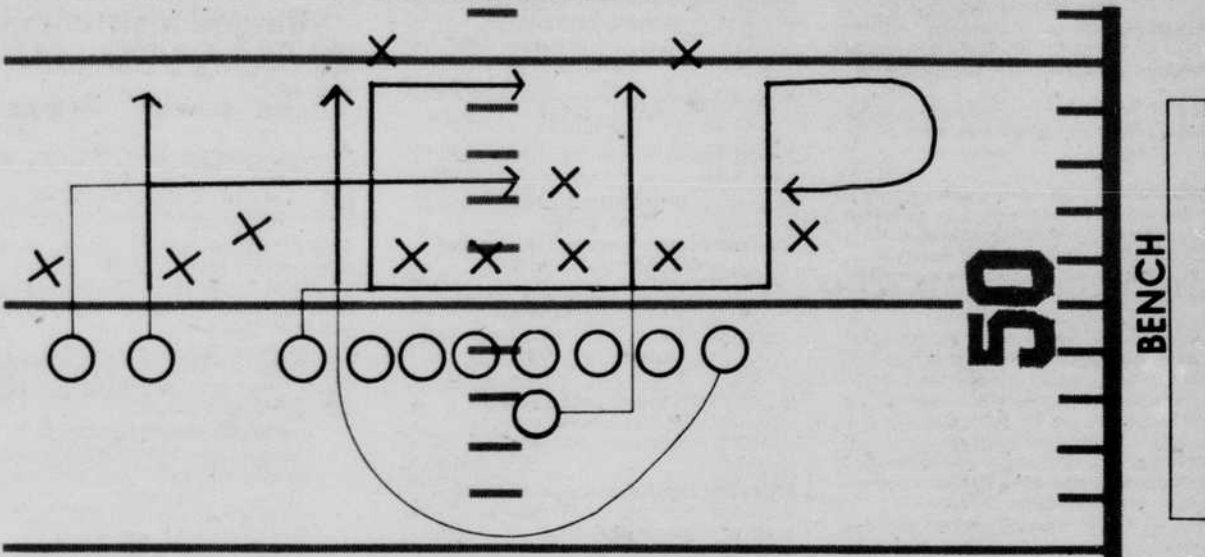
One other entry that deserves mention was sent by Maurita Ryan, who, informed sources reveal, is the girlfriend of Duck defensive lineman Steve Johnson.

"At the snap of the ball, each player will sprint to the enemy - the "ODE" sportswriter - and struck (sic) a punishing blow to his body until it is mutilated."

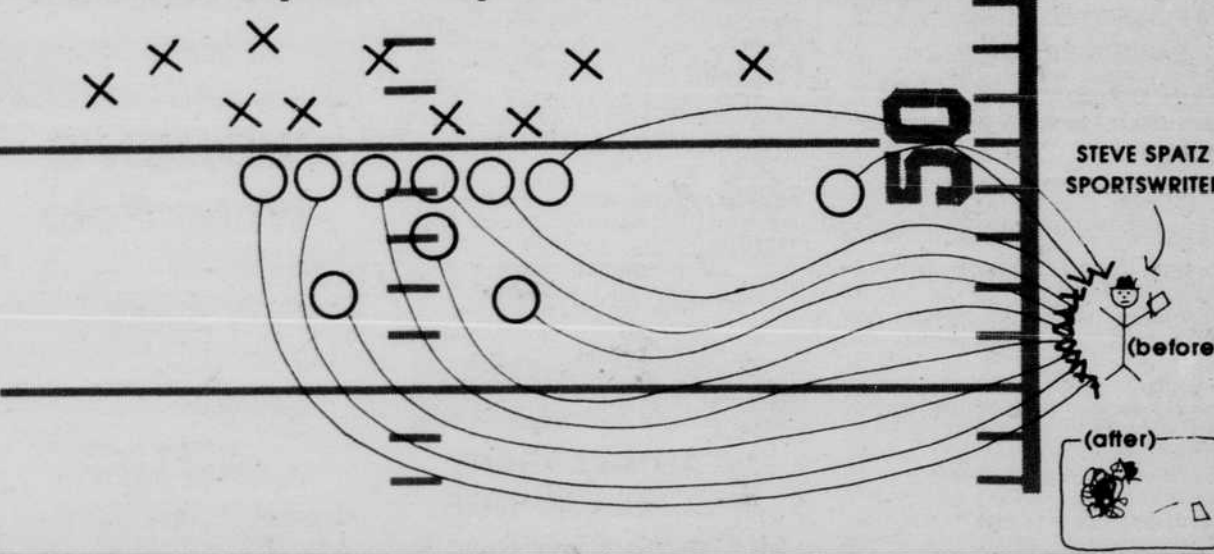
"After the offense is done with you, the defense is going to kick the shit out of you, if their (sic) is any left to kick."

Maurita, you deserve a special prize - free tuition to the Darth Vader Charm School.

Tim Kuhn - Desideratum



Maurita Ryan - Sportswriter Flicker



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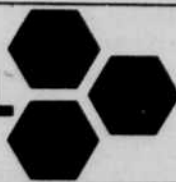
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