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Mr. Curtis W. McGraw,
McGraw-Hill Book Co.,
330 West 42nd Street,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. McGraw:

I might state that while I was Athletic Director here at the University of Kansas we hired Mr. Franklin W. Cappon as head football coach several years ago. He and Kipke had just finished Michigan, and Cappon was on the staff at Michigan as assistant to Kipke. We had very many fine reports on Cappon and we had hoped that he was the man who would lead us out of the football wilderness.

His first year was a very disastrous one. He had some previous coaching at Luther College, and we felt that he was in line for bigger things. He surreptitiously worked with his assistants and they endeavored to pull a coup d'etat in which everybody would look bad in the athletic administration except the football coach.

Harold Steele, one of his Michigan football men, who was his line coach, resigned with him, as did Guy Lockabaugh, the Oklahoma A. & M. wrestler and football player who was assisting him. Lockabaugh is now football coach at Grimell College. John Sabo, who was an Illinois product under Patsy Clark before Cappon came here, was also Cappon's assistant. He resigned likewise.

Cappon appeared before the Athletic Board the afternoon previous to the announcement of his resignation and stated that he had the only copy of his resignation and did not give it out to anyone. However, he had already given a copy of his resignation to Edward W. Cochrane, who was then sports editor of the Kansas City Journal Post, and who is now sports editor of one of the Chicago newspapers. The Post sprung a coup announcing the resignation and caused much ill feeling. I was in the Board meeting and heard Cappon make the statement that no one else had a copy of the resignation, and he would be personally responsible to see that it was not announced as it had been planned.