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Dissension Rumors Fly In Panthers' Grid

By JOHN MORRIS Sports Editor

There has been a great deal of furor in the past week about a column in the Pitt News by that paper's sports editor, Jim O'Brien.

O'Brien wrote a column entitled "Mutiny on the Bounty," in which he reported that there was dissension on the Pitt football team,

In particular, the Pitt writer Jim Traficant "got fed up with the adverse remarks about his play" and "squared off with the coaches."

"An argument with quarter-back coach Lou (Bimbo) Cecconi is now general knowledge among many students," O'Brien reported. O'Brien went on to list quarterback Fred Mazurek, tackle Ernie Borghetti and linebacker Bernie LaQuinta as other unhappy Panthers.

"THERE HAS been much dissension among players who felt weren't being rewarded with ad-vancement," O'Brien wrote.

head coach John Michelosen said the reports of dissension were exaggerated.

Traficant and Mazurek have last two games. He didn't pass shared the quarterback chores for the Panthers in recent game, but Traficant has had the job to him-IN TURN, Traficant praised



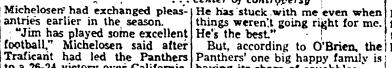
JIM TRAFICANT

: center of controversy

"Jim has played some excellent The column, appearing in the Nov. 14 edition of the Pitt News, brought a quick denial from the coaching staff. Cecconi said that he and Trafi-cant had a "man-to-man talk" and coaching staff. Cecconi said that he and Trafi-cant had a "man-to-man talk" and Cecconi said that he and Trafi-cant had a "man-to-man talk" and coaching staff. Cecconi said that he and Trafi-cant had a "man-to-man talk" and Cecconi said that he and Trafi-cant had a "man-to-man talk" and Cecconi said that he and Trafi-cant had a "man-to-man talk" and Cecconi said that he and Trafi-cant had a "man-to-man talk" and Cecconi said that he and Trafi-cant had a "man-to-man talk" and Cecconi said that he and Trafi-cant had a "man-to-man talk" and Cecconi said that he and Trafi-cant had a "man-to-man talk" and Cecconi said that he and Trafi-cant had a "man-to-man talk" and Cecconi said that he and Trafi-cant had a "man-to-man talk" and Cecconi said that he and Trafi-cant had a "man-to-man talk" and the tecan looks up to him as a

in the Traficant fan club, saying, the coaches, "He did everything well in the Saturday's

self or most of the year. O'Brien's report of dissension well the past few weeks," quoth year and once again the Lions are came as a surprise to many ob-servers. Cecconi, Traficant and for my improvement is Bimbo. It could be disasterous.



having its share of squabples. All reports or thoughts of disthe team looks up to him as a sension can be forgotten this ral leader." Cecconi also filed membership beat the Lions than argue with

Saturday's game is reminiscent of the situation in 1959 when bowl-bound Penn State (8-1) played Pitt (5-4). The Panthers came out on top 22-7 in that one.

Egli Hopes Hoffman Becomes 'Glue Man'

By JIM BUKATA

(This is the ninth in a series of articles on members of the 1962-63 Penn'State basketball team. Next and last is John Mitchell.) Earl Hoffman, one of the two

seniors on the Penn State basketball team, is being counted on by coach John Egli to be the "glue man" of the squad.

As co-captain of the squad, along with John Mitchell, it will be his job to steady down the sophomores who are getting their first rack at varsity competition. -Hoffman will also be counted on by Egli as a top scorer and rebounder.

"TM COUNTING on Earl to help these young boys," Egh said. "After all, he has two years of varsity competition behind him and is adjusted to top-notch ball." Hoffman, a 6-5, 190-pound sen-

ior from Steelton, averaged 116 points a game last season as a starting forward.

He came into his own after the Lions put a play into their of-fense that allowed Hoffman to take a jump shot from the corner behind a double screen.

that time was getting a shot for helps him a great deal." Egli were poor and most defenders added. Hoffman's big problem, up to wouldn't fall for his fakes.

moving better to his left.

the left perfected," Egli said, detensive man must master.



EARL HOFFMAN

"then I would call him a complete baliplayer.

Although he is not heavy by present day basketball standards for a forward, Hoifman will not hurt the Lions on the boards.

"He's learned how to get posi--,

On defense, Hoffman ranks as HOFFMAN HAS been working Much of this is due to the fact on this problem and seems to be that he has played four years "If he can get that move to tem and knows all the moves a

Booters Face Pitt in Finale Saturday

By IRA MILLER

in Pittsburgh.

against a team they haven't beaten since 1958 — which, in-cidentally, was the last time the Lion booters won more games than they lost. Leo Bemis' Panthers, who were

eliminated from the NCAA playoffs by Maryland Monday, come into the game with a 7-1-2 mark.

STATE HOLDS a 4-3 lead in the series between the teams, but the Panthers have won the last three games.

Two Lion seniors, Val Djurdjevic and Jay Stormer, will close Robins has been the number one University in Columbus.

out their three-year Penn State's soccer team will close out its fourth straight losing season when it straight losing season when it 3-1 triumph over Gettysburg. He Chester and Colgate games. meets Pitt Saturday morning has been hampered by ailments a Pittsburgh. The Nittanies (2-6) will be up full games last year and one this "I think we can beat Pitt if we season.

> forward who has started every game this season. Playing at in-side right, he has missed just one game in his three varsity campaigns.

Coach Ken Hosterman is con-

varsity man since the season's third game.

Despite the Lions' showing this season, Hosterman refuses to give

eason. Djurdjevic is the only Lion against Gettysburg," he said.

Lions at AT&FF Meet

Four State harriers — sopho-mores Ernie Johnson, Jim Young and Steve Gill and junior Mike sidering a switch on the left side Sheedy-will represent the Lions of the line with Stormer and Ted today at the first cross-country Jones. Stormer has been starting meet sponsored by the American at left wing, Jones at inside left. Track and Field Federation. The Hosterman is also considering event is set for 11:30 a.m. on the a change in the goal where Jay 614-miles course at Ohio State



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