

In the News ...

RECOVERING. From bypass surgery, former U.S. Soccer and World Cup '94 organizing committee president **Alan Rothenberg**, and from a heart attack, U.S. Soccer General Secretary **Dan Flynn**. Both attended the NSCAA Convention and MLS SuperDraft in Kansas City.

RETIRING. After 27 years as Hartwick coach, **Jim Lennox**. He led the 'Wick to the 1977 NCAA Division I title and five appearances in the final four. Lennox had a 318-163-43 record at Hartwick. His decision came amid speculation that the Oneonta, N.Y., school will drop its Division I sports, men's soccer and women's water polo, for financial reasons.

NEGOTIATING. With the WUSA, Chinese millionaire **Xu Ming**, to become an investor in the struggling women's league. The 31-year-old industrialist is owner of Dalian Shide, the top men's soccer club in China.

RETURNING. To the WUSA's Carolina Courage, as assistant general manager, **Marcia McDermott**, who quit as head coach after leading Carolina to the 2002 WUSA title. McDermott departed amid speculation of differences with Carolina GM Jerome Ramsey. Ramsey has since been replaced by Scott Trivasos, Ramsey's former No. 2 man.

GIVEN. The choice of a Chevy TrailBlazer or Chevy Impala, **Brad Friedel** and **Shannon MacMillan**, as winners of 2002 Chevy Male and Female Athletes of the Year. Bobby Convey and Lindsay Tarpley were named U.S. Soccer's Young Athletes of the Year.

APPOINTED. As U.S. men's national team assistant, **Curt Onalfo**, who played for head coach Bruce Arena at the University of Virginia and D.C. United.

HONORED. As 61st recipient of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's Honor Award, U.S. Coast Guard Academy men's soccer coach and athletic director **Ray Cieplik**.

CHARGED. With attempted misdemeanor theft, **Jacob Banas**, a Soccer America Top 25 high school recruit in 1999 and former Maryland and Lynn player. Banas, 22, was accused of setting up a prostitution scam online. According to the complaint filed in Cedarburg, Wis., he went online, exchanged messages pretending he was a prostitute and took the money he arranged to have left at a drop-off point.

— Paul Kennedy