

## CLASS NOTES

in Urbana, Ohio. Previously, he was the university's Webmaster. He and his wife, Mary, reside in Urbana.

**John R. Kirk '02 LAW** is an associate with the law firm of Deters, Benzinger & LaVelle PSC. He practices corporate, tax and employee-benefits law. He is based in the firm's Kentucky office.

**Jeremy C. Lay '02 AS** has accepted a position with the law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is a native of Burgin.

**Jennifer Spalding '02 AS** is the interim communications director for Congressman Ben Chandler. Spalding came to the position with several years of experience in Kentucky politics. She has worked with Chandler in both campaign and constituent outreach. Spalding joined the congressman's Washington, D.C., staff in December 2004.

**Julie M. Keating '03 BE** is a banking officer in Annapolis, Md., with BB&T. She joined the bank in 2003. Keating is a native of Ironton, Ohio.

**Derek Keeling '03 FA** recently starred as Danny Zuko in the Valentine Theatre's national tour presentation of the musical "Grease." He resides in Charleston, W.Va.

### Matt

### McLaren '03

**'04 ENG** is an engineer in training at LandDesign, an urban planning, civil engineering and landscape architecture company. McLaren, a Lexington native, resides in Charlotte, N.C.



**Jeffrey J. Ullmer '03 BE** has graduated from the U.S. Army Reconnaissance and Surveillance Leadership Course at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga., He is a native of Centerville, Ohio.

**Tora Sanford '04 AS** is the head dance and cheerleading coach at Transylvania University in Lexington. She also is the dance program director for the Pep Club of Lexington. Sanford is a former member of the UK Wildcat Danzers. She also coached at UK in 2004-05. Sanford previously has performed as a member of the dance squads for the Pep Club Lady Legends, the Lexington Horsemen, the Louisville Fire, the Lexington Legends, and the Kentucky Thoroughblades. She served as dance instructor for the Lexington Parks and Recreation Department in 2002-03.

**Andrea Tindell '04 HS** is a physician assistant at the neurosurgery department at Marshfield Clinic in Marshfield, Wis. Previously, Tindell was an occupational therapist at Lyndon Lane Nursing Home and Pathways Brain Injury in Louisville.

**Will Vail '04 LAW** is employed by the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia. He resides in Roanoke, Va.

**Tyna Wheat '04 BE** of Louisville is the vice president of marketing with Ellenstien Stores where she is also vice president of merchandising.

## A Unifying Memorial to Bravery and Brotherhood

**Paul Simon '98 AG** of Gala Simon Associates Inc., was selected as the winner in the national design competition for the Worcester (Mass.) Fire Fighters Memorial, winning a \$30,000 prize and the opportunity to develop the memorial park.



An 11-member jury chose the design of Gala Simon Associates of Watertown, Mass., from among five finalists to design the \$3-\$5 million memorial and the park surrounding it. The winning design emerged from a two-stage national design competition that attracted 158 entrants from 30 states.

The memorial will honor six Worcester firefighters who died trying to save the lives of others in an abandoned warehouse fire. Their deaths were the worst loss of firefighters' lives in more than 20 years in a building fire in America, and the third worst fire in Massachusetts' history.

"The design for the Worcester Fire Fighters Memorial was driven by the inspiration of six brave men: Paul Brotherton, Tim Jackson, Jerry Lucey, Jay Lyons, Joe McGuirk and Lt. Tom Spencer," Simon said in an article on *LandscapeOnline.com*. "The memorial represents the intentions of these firefighters to find each other during a tragic fire on the night of Dec. 3, 1999. The memorial is meant to represent the bravery, fellowship, brotherhood and heroism of these men and of all fire fighters."

According to Simon, the primary memorial is defined by six vertical elements honoring each firefighter who died in the fire. Alone, the vertical elements stand tall and bold to honor each fire fighter individually. The firefighters intentions were to find each other in the building and the structures lean inward as if reaching, symbolically, for needed support to accomplish this purpose.

Though never physically joined, at night the lines of the elements are extended through rays of projected focused light.

The leaning columns of light join at a single point in the sky and are symbolic of the fire fighters' ultimate unity.

During the past 10 years, Gala Simon Associates, previously GEO Consulting Engineers Inc., has provided professional engineering and design services throughout Massachusetts. Project work has included site analysis, zoning, permitting, working drawings and construction administration.

