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Sporting grass rather than artificial turf, Legion Field, the home of Alabama football, looks forward to a busy year, beginning with Olympic soccer this summer. Photo courtesy: Robert Bartels.