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### On the cover:

Action at Kobs Field, McLane Baseball Stadium, Michigan State University, where groundskeeper Jared Knoodle, CSFM, leads the day-to-day operations while being supervised by Amy Fouty, CSFM, head athletic turf manager for Sparty. Their field won the 2013 Sport Turf Managers Association's College Baseball Field of the Year.