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— Bob Campbell, CSFM
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ProCore Processor
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TYCROP introduces electronic hydraulics
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Redesigned OverSeeder
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The black spots on the turf are a result of fireworks. At many colleges and universities, homecoming football games are often celebrated with a fireworks show. At Virginia Tech’s Lane Stadium, the college’s bluegrass practice field is located conveniently next to the stadium. This location also puts the practice field directly behind the stadium scoreboard. Fireworks were set up on the practice field for optimum visual effects, thus causing this unique design on the turf. Since the damage occurred late in the season, the singed turf was almost dormant. The sports turf manager will have to wait until spring when he can fertilize the damaged turf and allow it to recover properly.

Photo submitted by Jason W. Bowers, Sports Turf and Athletic Grounds Manager, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia.

If you would like to submit a photograph for John Mascaro’s Photo Quiz please send it to Turf-Tec International, John Mascaro, 1471 Capital Circle NW, Suite #13, Tallahassee, FL 32303 or email to john@turf-tec.com. If your photograph is selected, you will receive full credit. All photos submitted become property of SportsTurf magazine.
Bruce Suddeth, director of landscape services for the University of South Carolina-Upstate, was awarded the Sports Turf Managers Association's 2006 College/University Softball Field of the Year for his work at Cyrill Stadium in Spartanburg. SportsTurf caught up with him in early March:

**SportsTurf**: What are your specific job responsibilities?

**Suddeth**: I oversee the landscape planning and operations of 314 acres on University properties, including six soccer, a baseball, softball, and intramural fields as well as two nature trails, including the Palmetto Trail. There are also 17 acres of highway right of ways that we manage as well.

Our department operates with me and the superintendent of landscape services, Robert Easler, along with six full-time, two student, and four contract services associates. My job is to communicate with our in-house staff and contractors on all aspects of performing work on campus grounds.

All landscape planning and construction, whether it is for Athletics or Campus Grounds, comes through our office. I work very closely with our Athletics and engineering department in athletic field construction, renovation, and expansion.

**SportsTurf**: Do you plan any adjustments to the 2007 management plan?

**Suddeth**: Many of our fields have been constructed in the past 5-6 years. In this time data has been accumulated and for 2007 a more scientific approach than we have executed in the past will be used in our turf management programs. Tissue analysis, alternative nutrient sources, and application techniques to better manage our turf performance is our goal. Our plan is to also use more foliar nutrient...
applications as well as traditional to obtain a more consistent turf growth and hopefully optimum plant health.

We will also be more aggressive with our cultural practices like verticutting and aeration. New equipment has been purchased to obtain these goals using less labor forces.

SportsTurf: What is the most important piece of equipment or product in our program?

Suddeth: People, from the top down or the bottom up, that is how things get done. Our University Team works as a whole to accomplish goals, whether it's done in-house or by one of our contractors. Landscape Service has tremendous support from our top administrators. As the university grows I find my hands-on time becoming less and less. Believe me, that is not by choice, it's from necessity. There is no one in our organization that works for me, we work together as a team. I put my pants on everyday just like the rest of the crew, and there isn't anything I would ask them to do that I wouldn't.

SportsTurf: What attracted you to a career in sports turf management?

Suddeth: First you would need to know a little background. I grew up on a farm in Inman, South Carolina. My parents worked hard for everything we had, both in the mills and then in the fields after they came home. Our family grew everything from peaches to sweet potatoes. What we didn't grow or raise, my aunts and uncles did. The Suddeth's were all truck and tractor people. Row crops and animals were our way of life. This is how we ate and survived. And we ate well!

I learned early on how to plant, grow, and harvest a crop. I was on a tractor by the time I was 9 years old – today's parents in our polit-
obtaining my degree, I learned how to understand and make sense of what I had been taught on the farm and golf course. It all clicked and I finally knew what I wanted to do with my life.

SportsTurf: What channels of communication do you use to reach coaches and users of your facilities?

Suddeth: There are several communication tools that we use so everyone is on the same page. The best tool I have found so far is the old fashioned “Sit down and talk about things” session. All of our coaches and administrators have an open door policy. I know where their offices are located and they know mine.

Our department works very close with our Special Events and Student Services departments. It is imperative to know what is happening and when on campus. Each week an event schedule is published so we can have advance notice. More critical issues and long term notices are handled by meetings, e-mail, phone, and any other means necessary so that all persons involved will have advanced notice and input.

SportsTurf: What are your biggest challenges and how do you approach them?

Suddeth: My biggest challenge is making sure all communication paths are operating throughout the campus community. This is extremely important in scheduling field management and coordination of our staff. We have soccer fields that we share with the Spartanburg Parks and Recreation Department and communication is imperative so that the fields are managed for safety. We try to get the schedules as soon as we can from Parks & Recreation as well as Special Events. In turn those two entities rely on the various organizations to provide that information and that can be somewhat of a task.

We have a great campus recreation director that communicates constantly with our department. Oftentimes student help is given the tasks of coordinating activities for various student groups. With class schedules and students graduating this can be a task to gather this information in a timely manner.

Overall we have a smooth running operation because the communication lines are always open here at USC Upstate.
Hunter's latest controller system

IMMS 2.0, Hunter's latest generation of its Irrigation Management and Monitoring System is a low-cost, easy-to-use central control that expands the capabilities of the original IMMS 1.0 system. Notable additions include remote programming and full two-way communications with Hunter's new ACC controller.

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New 2-wire decoders

Underhill has a new 2Wire decoder control system that quickly converts any Hunter ICC Controller to two-wire operation. The ICC decoder module snaps into the controller. Up to 96 valves can be controlled by one 48-station ICC with one or two decoders per station.

Underhill
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SmartWire 2-wire system

SmartWire is now available from Weathermatic. The hot swappable SLM48DM decoder module plugs directly into Weathermatic's SmartLine SL1600 controllers, expanding maximum zone count from 16 to 48 zones (plus master valve) and converting the system to two-wire operation.

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New SoloRain product

The Nelson 8020 series is the latest addition to the SoloRain family. Operates off 2 Energizer AA alkaline batteries and is available in 1, 2, 4, and 6 zone models. Comes with everything you need for installation including DC solenoids and wire connectors.

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STMA welcomes new 2007 members!

As a new member, you now have an instant network of peers who are willing to share their best practices, and quick access to information, education, and resources from STMA. We believe STMA’s programs and services will help you do your job better and help to save you time and money.

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- A monthly electronic newsletter that communicates association and industry information, new resources, and available technology.
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Andresen receives Meritorious Service Award

The Iowa Turfgrass Institute (ITI) named Mike Andresen, CSFM as the 2007 recipient of the ITI Meritorious Service Award during the 73rd Iowa Turfgrass Conference. Mike is the Athletic Turf Manager for Iowa State University Athletics. Mike served on the ITI Board of Trustees from 1996 to 2003, and was ITI President in 2001. Mike is also president of STMA.

Mike has shown outstanding leadership and vision in serving ITI, the Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association (ISTMA), and STMA. Mike has worked tirelessly to improve educational opportunities for Professional Turf Managers. Mike worked to develop a mechanism to disseminate scientific, professional and practical knowledge to those persons engaged in or concerned with the maintenance of safe and improved sports turf areas.

Mike joined the Iowa State University Athletic Department as Turf Manager in 1996. That fall, STMA named Jack Trice Field its College/University Field of the Year. Landscape Management recognized Mike and his crew as an "LM 100" Top Green Industry Organization.

The Iowa Board of Regents also recognized Mike for his work. Mike earned the designation Certified Sports Field Manager (CSFM) in 2000.

Prior to ISU, Mike served as the Iowa Cubs Head Groundskeeper and was honored twice as the Groundskeeper of the Year.

The Iowa Turfgrass Institute provides education for Professional Turfgrass managers through the Iowa Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show in January and the Iowa Turfgrass Field Day in July. ITI provides nearly $50,000 each year for turfgrass research at Iowa State, and administers more than $5,000 in scholarships for students in turfgrass management.