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### On the cover:

Jack Trice Stadium on the campus of Iowa State University in Ames was named STMA 2012 College Football Field of the Year. Turf manager Tim VanLoo, CSFM, relies on a completely turf student crew to help him maintain the Cyclones' athletic fields and surrounding grounds.