



**New Facility Due to Open in October 2004**

The future is fast approaching with the building of a new softball/tennis facility on the west side of the San Diego State University campus. The buildings next to Tony Gwynn Stadium have been razed and when the 2005 softball season rolls around, a brand-new lighted facility will be the new home to SDSU softball.

The stadium, due to be completed by October 2004, will have 300 permanent seats (150 stadium and 150 bench-back). Bleacher seats and a mounded landscape will lie behind a five-foot green outfield fence. The capacity will be 1,000 with room to add 1,000 more seats.

Batting cages and a bullpen will be available for

each team and a tree-lined concourse will grace the path between the new stadium and baseball's Tony Gwynn Stadium.

SDSU will move from the first base dugout, where it currently plays at SDSU Field, into the third base dugout at the new facility.

The first phase of the building process includes the fields, fences, parks, lighting and tennis courts, while the second phase includes the completion of the dugouts, softball stadium and the tennis building.

John and Becky Moores, owners of the San Diego Padres, donated approximately \$6.5 million for the combined facility.

**Van Wyk's Comments on the New Facility**

*"(I feel) sheer joy. It's been a long wait and it's really exciting to see these things start to develop. I'm ready to go right now, slap down a couple of bases and just go after it. It's going to be really fun. It's the last link for us. We've got a program that's fully funded, a great coaching staff, 12 full-ride scholarships and the budget to support a nationally-ranked team. The last thing we were waiting for was the facility and here it is. And recruiting wise, you can't say enough for how much it's going to help us. This will be a big tool for us because we want to keep more of these San Diego kids at home."*

**San Diego State Softball Camp**

The San Diego State softball coaching staff will play host to two instructive, informative and fun annual softball camps from July 19-22, 2004. Those ages 9-13 will participate each day from 8-11 a.m., while the sessions for ages 14-18 take place from noon-3 p.m.

The morning camp focuses on the basic fundamentals in all aspects of the game, including pitching and catching.

The afternoon camp is geared toward high school, travel ball, and junior college athletes. This advanced camp will have hands-on training

in all aspects of throwing, fielding, hitting, sliding, baserunning, pitching and catching. Actual games will be played and a strong focus will be placed on game situations. Discussions on strength and conditioning, as well as college options, will be offered.

The SDSU coaching staff, as well as current and former members of the SDSU softball team, instruct the camp.

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