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Chapman's field of dreams

Chapman University dedicated the Holly and David Wilson Field at Homecoming Saturday night.

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What a welcome home!

To mark Chapman University's Homecoming, officials unveiled a new Panther mascot statue, dedicated the Holly and David Wilson Field, held the Chapman vs. Pomona Pitzer football game and lit off a fireworks show at halftime.

"I am so excited because there is a panther over on the other side of the field too," said Chapman student Billy Ottman. "I pet it every time I walk by because it is good luck. I love the panther."

"The Leap," created by wildlife sculptor Rosetta portrays a life-size black panther jumping from its nine-foot base. The piece complements "Panther" on the other end zone.

"This is a second gateway into Chapman University," said president Jim Doti.

The statue was a gift from Gerard "Bud" Lingelbach and will be a focal point for the university's new Erin J. Lastinger Athletics Complex.

The new field, dedicated after the statue, is composed of synthetic turf and is circled by a rubber track, which is over a two-story underground parking garage.

Alumni Cammi Nguyen said, "They killed two birds with one stone with the new parking structure underneath the field, which was very much needed."



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NAMESAKE: Holly and David Wilson enjoy the fireworks spectacular in honor of the dedication of Wilson Field at Chapman University on Saturday. The field was made possible by their donation.

WHAT'S NEWS

Teachers ratify agreement with OUSD for 6 percent raise

The teachers' union has ratified a tentative agreement with the Orange Unified School District for a 6 percent raise in teachers' salaries, retroactive to July.

Orange Unified Education Association members voted Oct. 23 to 27 on the one-year agreement, which has not yet been approved by the district.

Entry-level salaries would go from \$37,472 to \$39,720, and top salaries would go from \$86,877 to \$92,090, according to the district's salary schedule for teachers in 2005-06.

Since 2001, after five of seven school board members were recalled, teachers' salaries in the district have been raised from the lowest to the median level in the county.

The next district board meeting is Nov. 16.

All trout and nothing crappy

Irvine Lake officials kicked off trout season by pouring more than 20,000 fish into Irvine Lake on Friday.

About 1,000 anglers packed the 750-acre lake that day to catch the four types of trout found in the lake - steelhead, brook, brown and rainbow.

Trout season ends in June when catfish season begins.

Admission is \$20 for adults and \$9 for children under 12. Seniors pay \$17 Mondays through Thursdays.

The lake is open from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day. A fishing license is not required.

Details: 714-649-9111