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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.

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