SMU marks 6th birthday with a splash

DUNK them, throw them off a mechanical horse or abseil down 15 metres. These and other fun-filled activities marked Singapore Management University’s (SMU) annual Patron’s Day and its sixth birthday yesterday.

Students, staff, faculty members and friends got together in a carnival-like atmosphere at the new city campus. And in his first visit to the new campus, SMU patron President S R Nathan presented awards to students who have combined academic excellence with outstanding community service.

SMU chairman Ho Kwon Ping said the university prides itself on contributing positively to the wider society, and has started to make its mark as a socially conscious institution on several fronts. These include the setting up of Asia’s first Centre for Social Innovation in collaboration with the Lien Foundation.

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Plunging in: An SMU student getting dunked in a tub of water as part of the university’s celebrations for its annual Patron’s Day and sixth birthday yesterday