SMU TURNS 6 WITH A BANG

Singapore Management University (SMU) patron, President S R Nathan sounding an airhorn to kick off a tug-of-war contest at SMU’s sixth birthday and Patron’s Day carnival yesterday.

It was his first visit to the city campus at Bras Basah. The university, which has some 4,000 students, moved from Bukit Timah to its present $450-million, 4.5ha campus last June.

In true carnival spirit, Mr Nathan was greeted by Bollywood dancers when he arrived at about 6pm. He was also treated to a parade of floats, as well as performances like Muay Thai boxing.

The President was also taken on a tour of a seminar room, the carnival booths and the underground concourse, which features some shops and eateries. He also presented 10 achievement awards to SMU students.

But the party did not end with Mr Nathan’s departure 1 ½ hours later — students later partied the night away at a rock concert.