Every year, September rains usher in more than just gusty winds and flash floods, especially if you’re in the centre of all—it all, as we are. It’s this time when our university witnesses possibly as much excitement as a few over-celebrated speed demons chasing each other round a dizzying track like harriers gone berserk on a treadmill. So whether you’re a freshie savouring your first hints of SMT life, or one setting back into the thick of weekwork, CCAs, and all that comes in between, we hope you enjoyed the adrenaline rush of yet another action-packed September.

Field march for SIC

With Sing backpacks of household items upon their shoulders, 300 members of the SMU community walked from SMU to Queenstown on 14 September in Special Interest and Community Service Society’s (SICS) SMU Challenge, to show their burden and compassion for the less fortunate among us. The event culminated in a lunch with 40 elderly residents, and a mini concert for all.

This year’s SMU Challenge saw the largest group of walkers—with the biggest staff, faculty and alumni participation—to date: the highest amount of $64,000 raised; and a Singapore record made for the Largest Mass-Walk Carrying Groceries. This was in addition to a previous record earned by SICS on 20 January, earlier, for the Longest Christmas Shirts during the inaugural SG50 Day on 6 September, with 700 shirts hung across 513 metres along SMU’s basement concourse, symbolising SMU’s rich student life.

On 24 September, SMU varsity’s incoming president Lee Qian Yi (C0E) presented the National Environment Agency’s EcoFRIEND 2013 Award for her role as chairman of the youth-initiated National Youth EnviOlympics Challenge 2013, in leading a team to plan and spread awareness on carbon accounting and eco-friendly living to others. She received the award in a ceremony graced by Guest-of-Honour, President of Singapore Tony Tan Keng Yam. Well done Qian Yi!

Sassy color sweep!

On the arts front, SMU Caderas Latinas did a Singapore Pools aka Big 5weevo at the Inter-Territorial Salala Competition held on 26 September where SMU was announced as the event’s major partner. So while the pairs of Lim Jia Shen (C0E) and Ardelle Wong (C0E), Geerl Im (C0E), and Leroy Lim (C0E), and Timothy Tan (C0E) and Kay (SG), Nandeshwar Vallavan (SG) and Amands Yew (SG) showed up, sizzled, and swayed to 1st and 3rd, and 1st and 2nd in the open and amateur categories respectively, the other competitors could only gawk away in awe.

New personalities on the block

Finally, SMU Broadcast & Entertainment’s latest motor-mouth Wing and queen were crowned at the Voice Personality Hunt finals held on 3 October, at T-Juncture. Facing a full audience and a tough judging panel comprising celebrity radio deejays and former television hosts in the trio of Petrina Row, Joe Augustin, and David and our very own director DSL, Berny Lee and Deputy Director DSL, Jimmy Ye – who were themselves one-time media personalities – Palmir Ng (C0E) put up a hard fight and emerged victorious over the other contestants courtesy of PWLW Yang (SG), who outclassed all to be named this year’s well-deserving VPH champion. Congratulations both!

Join us this October

6 Oct The VSPG Choir – SMU Chamber Choir performs with some Very Special and Outstanding Performers from the Institute of Mental Health (IMH) Arts & Culture Centre 7:00pm-8:30pm

12 Oct Grams Hack Score – Ultimate Tribe tournament (Dream Un Fikir, Singapore)