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A PROFESSIONAL EXTRAVAGANZA

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What better way to raise money and have fun than creating a week full of events that combine the two? Professional Greek Week does just this, usually during the month of April each year. While Greek Week involves only Pan Hellenic Greek life, Professional Greek Week provides the same opportunity to the professional fraternities. The event consists of seven days of fundraising activities in which a number of professional fraternities participate. LSA senior Laura Zuker explained more in-depth about the particulars of the week. “Some years each fraternity chooses a different charity to support, and one year we all supported the same one. A winner is determined by amount of money raised as well as points in different events and even spirit points for involvement and enthusiasm.” Gold, silver and bronze awards are given in each event and earn a certain number of extra points each.

The events during the 2012 Professional Greek Week included a Powderpuff game, with male cheerleading; Karaoke bar night; water Olympics; dodgeball; and ‘90s trivia night. One of the more popular events, however, was the Mr. Professional Pageant. This event is similar to the Pan Hellenic Mr. Greek Week event. “One representative from each fraternity competes in this event with a talent and Q & A portion,” Zuker said. Points are awarded to the top ten Mr. Professionals.

All of the funds raised go towards charity each year. According to The Michigan Daily, in 2011, the fourth year of existence for Professional Greek Week, the Professional Fraternity Council donated 75 percent of funds to Red Cross for Haiti and allowed the winning team to donate the remaining 25 percent to a charity of their choice. The members of the fraternities get to have a week of fun and excitement while knowing that their fundraising will help others in need.

1 Male cheerleaders performed their routine on the sidelines during the Powerderpuff football game. Photo by Rivan Stinson.

2 The female brothers in professional Greek life formed Powderpuff teams and challenged one another to a beat down on the field. Photo by Rivan Stinson.

3 Two professional Greek members show off their moves during Professional Greek Week. Photo by Rivan Stinson.

4 Brothers from Phi Chi Theta formed a Conga line to pump their crowd up. Events during Professional Greek Week included karaoke, dodgeball and male competitive cheerleading. Photo by Rivan Stinson.

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