



Multicultural sorority opens chapter at U. Utah

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(Daily Utah Chronicle) (U-WIRE) SALT LAKE CITY -- Theta Nu Xi, the nation's only multicultural sorority, has founded its Eighth Colony Chapter at the University of Utah.

Rainey Boateng, Cassandra Huidbro, Yazmin Pulido and Amanda Tomchak are all U sophomores and have become the "Founding Monarchs" for Theta Nu Xi at the U.

"It was an awesome experience," Huidbro said.

The eighth or "Iota" chapter was recognized by the Utah State University Epsilon Theta chapter on Feb. 24 during an initiation party held for the women.

This Thursday the Theta members will "present" themselves to U students at noon in the A. Ray Olpin University Union.

The four women have been working toward recognized chapter status since December 2000.

The Utah State chapter initiated the U women by teaching them how to found a sorority, and making the girls spend time learning about one another.

"Oh my heavens, it is the most incredible experience I've had in Utah," Huidbro said.

The women also learned about the Utah State chapter members, greek life and Theta Nu Xi values.

Theta has been invited to sit on the U Greek Council, but it will not be part of the Panhellenic Council. The national Theta Nu Xi organization is also not in attendance at Panhellenic meetings.

Thus far no plans have been made by the Theta members for a Greek Row house.

The group has been meeting for the initiation process in the U residence halls.

The group's next step is to become recognized by the U as a student group.

"It's exciting," said Lori McDonald, interim greek coordinator. "It's going to be another option for women on campus to be involved."

McDonald is unsure how the process of university recognition works, but hopes to have everything sorted out as soon as possible.

"I have no doubt they'll succeed," McDonald said.

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