



## Multicultural sorority unveils itself to U. Utah

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(Daily Utah Chronicle) (U-WIRE) SALT LAKE CITY -- Friday at noon, the four founders and only members of the University of Utah's new multicultural sorority, Theta Nu Xi, consummated their unity in the union.

The four walked in pairs across the A. Ray Olpin University Union cafeteria, yelling, "Theta Nu" and "One Love."

"People were like, 'What the heck is going on?'" member Yazmin Pulido said.

Member Cassandra Huidbro then spoke to onlookers about some of Theta Nu's history, including the origin of the loud and mysterious presentation style.

The national Theta Nu chapter was founded in North Carolina, where similar out-comings are more common than they are in the West.

"On the East Coast, members put sheets over the new girls and then take the sheets off to present them," Huidbro said.

Despite some surprised reactions to their display, Theta Nu members felt students who were present gave them a warm reception.

"We were expecting some bad and some good stuff, and it was mostly good," Huidbro said.

The rest of the greek community has also welcomed the new chapter.

Greek Council invited Theta Nu's members to sit at the council meetings.

Theta Nu is different from other sororities or fraternities on Greek Council since its membership is small and based on being multicultural.

"We're not about numbers, but the quality of the individuals," said Theta Nu Xi President Rainey Boateng.

Boateng brought Theta Nu to the U campus after she met Utah State University Theta Nu member Mandy Richmond volunteering at a leadership camp.

"She contemplated starting a chapter of a historically black sorority, but with the ideals of the camp we volunteer for, multiculturalism was more inclusive of all people," Richmond said.

Each Theta Nu member is given a symbolic nickname by her sisters as part of the "coming out" ceremony.

"We need to pick a name that characterizes us," Huidbro said.

Because Boateng created the U's Theta Nu, her sisters gave her the nickname "Genesis."

Huidbro was named "Bella Sol" or "Beautiful Sun" for her "brilliance," according to fellow members.

"It's the sun, it makes things grow," Boateng said.

Pulido was named "North Star" both for her loyalty and her lousy sense of direction.

"[North Star] for direction, because Yazmin has no sense of direction," Boateng said.

Amanda Tomchak, the only Caucasian member of Theta Nu, was nicknamed "Autumn Rain," "because she and the rain are so calming," Pulido said.

The women of Theta Nu plan to hold a fall rush with all other sororities and fraternities on campus, and are currently passing out flyers and offering interest lists around campus.

"We are all really strong together, and we can do a rush," Huidbro said.

Theta Nu currently meets in the residence halls, but hopes for a more permanent location in the union once it is recognized by the U.

"I feel that fate has brought together this strong line of women to make a huge impact on the Salt Lake Valley as a whole. ... These four women truly exemplify the ideals that we stand for; I have no doubt they will make waves," Richmond said.

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