



U. Utah sorority emphasizes diversity

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(Daily Utah Chronicle) (U-WIRE) SALT LAKE CITY -- Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. held its first informal interest meetings last week.

About 15 women listened intently to the history, requirements and future plans of Theta Nu Xi.

"We are looking for quality, not quantity," said Amanda Tomchak, recruitment chair for Theta Nu Xi. "Right now we're on the ground, and we need people to help us get off the ground. We're just establishing ourselves on campus."

A formal invitation-only interest meeting will be held on Sept. 4.

Although Theta Nu Xi is rushing at the same time as the other University of Utah greeks, they are doing it separately, Tomchak said.

"The goal to have girls see what we're about is the same, but we're targeted at a different group on campus," Tomchak said.

The focus on multiculturalims sets Theta Nu Xi apart from other sororities.

Theta Nu Xi is the only multicultural sorority in the nation, and the University of Utah is home to the eighth, or "lota," chapter.

"I don't know where we got the reputation for being a sorority for minorities only," said Amanda Tomchak, the recruitment chair for Theta Nu Xi, and the only Caucasian member. "We are about accepting and celebrating every culture."

Rainey Boateng, founder of the U's chapter, agreed.

"We aren't only looking for people with different-colored skin," Boateng said. "We are looking for diversity of thought, beliefs and backgrounds."

The Nu Xi is not a member of the Panhellenic Council, but its members do sit on the Greek Council.

One of the goals of Theta Nu Xi is to celebrate multiculturalism within, and outside of, the sorority. In order to do this, Theta Nu Xi wants to bring in presenters and invite the entire campus, Tomchak said. Also, the sorority will get involved in community-service projects, but are currently unsure of which organizations they will serve.

Women must have at least a 2.5 GPA, have completed a semester of college and carry nine credit hours.

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