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Change.

It can be a difficult concept to grasp and whole-heartedly accept. In this whirlwind of life, we are bound to experience it. It may be by choice, or it may very well be by force. Regardless, change makes us stronger.

With every experience we become more equipped with the tools to fully confront this life.

Spring 2010 brought a big change in my life, and I wouldn't have had it any other way.

I decided to join Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Incorporated: a sorority in the Multicultural Greek Council at UF. It was the hardest thing I have ever had to do. It was also one of the most worthwhile.

I looked around for support but barely found it. I did it for me and no one quite understood. They giggled and snickered about what they thought I was up to.

But here's to another layer of courage...

But here I am, four months after my "Emergence", stronger than I have ever been and with a new-found appreciation for sisterhood and everything that it could grow to be.

Being new to the Greek system has been overwhelming yet refreshing. For my first two years here, all I heard was negative things regarding Greeks. Everyone failed to mention that I had three councils in which to find my place, and that Greeks have the power to create change on campus and in the community.

Going on my own private journey to find the perfect sisterhood for me was one of the greatest decisions I have made in my 20 years on this planet. I learned to be proactive, risky and more out-going — and more importantly, I learned how to give everything I had for my linesisters.

The seven of us formed a bond that can never be broken. This is the Spring 2010 line.

Change came throughout Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc.'s process and it still does today. But this is a good change. Every day, I hope to be an exemplary Theta Woman who encompasses our tenants of multiculturalism, leadership, service, scholarship and sisterhood.

Go for the change even if it means going against the flow of current.

I am pleased with my decision. I have a life-long sisterhood.

I am a butterfly now and that alone gives me strength.

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