

The Omicron Chi Phi chapter of Alpha Chi Rho, also known as “Crow” is back, with more determination than ever. Facing legal issues due to the negative actions of a few older brothers, the fraternity was informed in 2011 that they would be indefinitely suspended from BU’s campus. Since the incident, the 15 remaining young men of AXP have gone beyond the standards to rebrand their fraternity at Bloomsburg.

“It’s surreal to be back. We still have much work to do as far as recruiting, educating and building a name in the community, but we’re on the rise,” said Vice President of AXP, John Gambone. “Now more than ever, I want to assure that the brothers are upholding our values and creating a positive name for the fraternity.”

AXP is offering interested men of BU the opportunity to better themselves, to set short term and long term goals to develop good character. AXP wants to give men a fraternity that tailors their experience to their needs personally and professionally, by offering positions of management, leadership and more.

Crow is interested in a group of diverse and determined men who want to be part of a success story, who are involved in other organizations on campus and who believe in the power of hard work. New members of AXP can expect to be considered a founding father. New members, along with the remaining 15 brothers, will diminish the division between the two and work as one to become educated about AXP nationally. In addition, they will learn real life experience such as building a business.

Because they are working to rebrand their fraternity, AXP desire new members with new ideas and concepts to help build the organization. With no official philanthropy, AXP is welcoming ideas of what charities and non-profits they could help.

“We want to become the model fraternity. We want to give inspiration to other fraternities who may face the same issues we did two years ago,” said Derek Franchino, President of AXP.

The national AXP is currently going through a rebranding process and the Omicron Chi Phi chapter hopes that can aid in their welcoming back process at BU. “Cultivating Men of Word and Deed” has become the goal of the fraternity. AXP strives to enhance the lifelong intellectual, moral and social development of its members.

“Progression is the motivation for the brothers of Alpha Chi Rho. Although we have much more work to do in regards to community service, recruiting and reeducating, we are highly motivated and truly dedicated to proving our intrinsic worth to the Bloomsburg community and inter fraternal council,” said Gambone.

With a strong alumni backing, AXP is able to work with all new members financially. Nationally, AXP offers a number of scholarship programs, along with college loans for men of the fraternity. AXP will not allow finances to cripple men's opportunity to join.

"It's honestly the best decision I've ever made [to join AXP]. My biggest goal was to bring AXP back to BU and we as brothers have worked together to do so," said Franchino. "We want Crow at BU to be a group of successful professional men, people with good heads on their shoulders who give back and better not only themselves, but inspire the people around them to be better."

Rush events for AXP will take place Sept. 5, 12 and 18 at 9 P.M. in the Kehr Union Patio.