

To the men of 2 south,

First off, congratulations on your admission to the university and an early welcome back to returning Carman Hall residents! Coming to EIU is the first of many steps towards your journey to furthering your education. My name is Jerry Crockrell and I am your Resident Assistant (RA) for the 2011 - 2012 school year. I am a Senior Music Education Major from Chicago, IL. Here I am a very active member of the universities bands and last year I was one of the marching band's Section leaders. I am truly excited about this upcoming school year.

For you all entering the university this an exciting time because it is the first time that you get to experience "The College Lifestyle" that your parents and teachers knew you could get. Although it can sometimes be a little tough, I am here as your RA to ensure that you all get a smooth transition to the colligate lifestyle. So if you need any help with school work or just want to chill, I am the person you can contact.

I believe that Carman Hall is one of the top resident halls on campus. For one, we have one of the biggest rooms on campus, our own laundry rooms as well as a computer virus lab. For two, there is a massive lobby area where you could play pool and ping-pong. Carman Hall even has its own dining hall with a convenience store.

As for the 2 South as a community, I want it to feel like 2S is your second home. What better a way to start this than to get in contact with your roommate(s) over the summer mainly to discuss not just your plan for move-in day, but to start building a friendship. Get to know each other's likes and dislikes and any pet peeves each might have. I think it is very important to get that first contact. Carman Hall, like the university, is home to all types of student and is a great way for you to meet and greet with.

I am truly excited about this upcoming school year and cannot wait to see you at Move-In to Carman Hall on August 18th, 2010 at 9 am!! If you have any questions or concerns contact me at: jmcrockrell@eiu.edu or my Facebook page!

Jerry