

ENMU-Roswell GEAR UP

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs



MOTIVATING STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS IN LIFE



SMARTHINKING™ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ENMU-Roswell continues to provide free online tutoring services available to all students at Roswell, Goddard, Dexter, Hagerman, and Lake Arthur high schools. This generous gift allows students to connect to a tutor “one-on-one” and receive help in many subjects.

GEAR UP promotes this valuable free service to encourage educational success for public high school students.

On August 6, GEAR UP presented Smarthinking™ to staff at Goddard and Roswell High Schools. Teachers were encouraged to integrate Smarthinking™ with student homework assignments.



Karina Leven, GEAR UP Professional Development Coordinator, presents Smarthinking™ to staff at Roswell High School's In-Service

Teachers were provided with Smarthinking™ faculty packets to help them become familiar with online tutoring services. Roswell High School teachers were asked if they plan to use Smarthinking™ and the response was unanimous.

GEAR UP looks forward to our new academic year and anticipates a positive outcome from increased numbers of students logging into Smarthinking™. (continued on pg.3)



ACT EXAM DATES TO REMEMBER

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 11, 2010	August 6, 2010	August 7 – 20, 2010
October 23, 2010	September 17, 2010	September 18 – October 1, 2010
December 11, 2010	November 5, 2010	November 6 -19, 2010
February 12, 2011	January 7, 2011	January 8-21, 2011
April 9, 2011	March 4, 2011	March 5-18, 2011
June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011	May 7-20, 2011

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Do you know Charles Sykes and what does that have to do with GEAR UP? Charles Sykes is the author of six

books, including *Dumbing Down Our Kids: Why American Children Feel Good about Themselves, But Can't Read, Write, or Add* and the best-selling, *A Nation of Victims: The Decline of the American Character*. He is a popular host of a Milwaukee talk radio show, hosts his own television show, and has been a reporter, magazine editor, college lecturer, and Hoover Institution Research Fellow. He has appeared on national television, broadcast from the White House, and has spoken at major universities. He is married, has three children (one grown, two teenagers) and lives in Mequon, Wisconsin. In the mid-1990s he wrote a set of rules that began with "Life isn't fair, get used to it." Then, for the next several years, he watched it travel the length and breadth of the Internet — with Microsoft zillionaire Bill Gates getting credit for writing it.



Charlie Sykes

RULES

Sykes, 56, recently released his fifth book, *50 Rules Kids Won't Learn in School*. (161 pages, \$19.95; St. Martin's Press) His "Life isn't fair" list started out as 11 rules. For his 1995 book, *Dumbing Down Our Kids*, it quickly grew to 14 rules and began riding the web.

So what does this have to do with GEAR UP? For this latest book, he decided to augment the original rules and direct the message to teenagers. A major tenet of our GEAR UP program is *Readiness* for life after high school. So, with that in mind here are Mr. Sykes' original eleven rules:

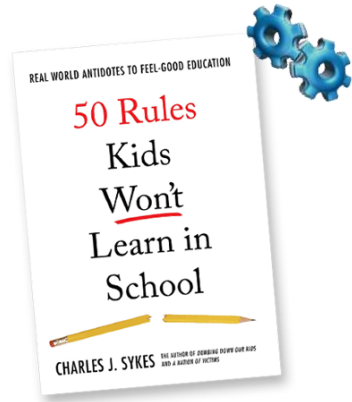
- RULE 1**
Life is not fair - get used to it.
- RULE 2**
The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.
- RULE 3**
You will NOT make 40 thousand dollars a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice president with a car phone, until you earn both.
- RULE 4**
If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss. He doesn't have tenure.
- RULE 5**
Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping they called it Opportunity.
- RULE 6**
If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.
- RULE 7**
Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you are. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.
- RULE 8**
Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not. In some schools they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as many times as you want to get the right answer.

This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

RULE 9
Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself. Do that on your own time.

RULE 10
Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

RULE 11
Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.



When you have the time, I encourage you to visit the author's blog at this link and read more about his newest book.

<http://www.the50rules.com/Blog/tabid/3431/mid/6815/newsid6815/28819/Default.aspx>



Meanwhile – “get ready.”



Article by Steve Markl



SMARTHINKING™ FREE ONLINE TUTORING (*cont.*)

With Smarthinking™ online tutoring services, Chaves County public high school students can get the academic help they need, when they need it.



Smarthinking™ offers live tutoring in a variety of subjects at convenient times along with a number of unique features, including:

- ☑ Live Math tutoring **24 hours a day, 7 days a week** during the academic year and from 9 AM to 1 AM during the summer.
- ☑ An **Online Writing Lab (OWL)** where students can submit school essays, college application essays, or any writing assignment for critique and return within 24 hours.

- ☑ **Question submission** capability so that a student can submit a question and get a response the next day.
- ☑ **Support for ESL students** with Math tutoring in Spanish and an ESL writing specialty.
- ☑ An **archive** of every tutoring session for students and parents.
- ☑ Former **teachers and professors** oversee the quality of instruction.

Highly qualified and well trained educators make the difference in student success. Using the internet to connect students with professional educators, Smarthinking™ has the online tutoring, writing services, *and* homework help that students need to succeed.

High school students may obtain login information to access this free online tutoring service through their high school teachers or contact ENMU-Roswell GEAR UP at 624-7104.

SMARTHINKING™ SUBJECTS FOR TUTORING:

- △ Basic Math
- △ Algebra
- △ Geometry
- △ Trigonometry
- △ Calculus
- △ Statistics
- △ Bi-lingual Math
- △ Spanish
- △ Writing
- △ Biology
- △ Introductory Human Anatomy & Physiology
- △ General Chemistry
- △ Physics
- △ Accounting
- △ Economics



GEAR UP SCHOLARSHIPS for COLLEGE

PLAN TO APPLY!

A GEAR UP Scholarship is a type of financial aid that will help you go to college.

It is anticipated that \$1, 290, 000 will be available for scholarships. Cohort graduating students of 2011 and 2012 will each have approximately \$645,000 in scholarship funds available.

Where are the Application Forms?

Application forms will be available in the ENMU-Roswell Financial Aid Office.

On March 1, 2011, high school seniors may begin completing the *GEAR UP Scholarship Acceptance Notice and Terms of Award* form for the GEAR UP scholarship. Seniors are also encouraged to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).



Eligibility

You are eligible for a GEAR UP Scholarship if you:

- ☑ Earn a high school diploma; and
- ☑ Are a New Mexico resident and a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen;
- ☑ Are less than 22 years of age at the time of receiving the scholarship award;
- ☑ Complete and file an ENMU-R *GEAR UP Scholarship Acceptance Notice and Terms of Award* form;
- ☑ Are admitted or accepted full-time or part-time in an accredited degree granting institution of higher education that awards vocational/technical program certificates or degrees that lead to an associate and/or baccalaureate degree program.



We're on the web!

<http://www.roswell.enmu.edu/student-services/gear-up/welcome-to-gear-up>



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ACT World-of-Work Map
http://www.actstudent.org/wwm/explore_world.html

Carve Your Path - NM Electronic Student Management System
www.carveyourpath.org

Career One stop Pathways to Career Success
<http://www.careeronestop.org/>

Careers...if it's about your career, it's here!
<http://occupations.careers.org/>

Exploring Career Information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics—2010-11
<http://www.bls.gov/k12/>

Job Profiles Your Guide to Careers and Education
<http://www.jobprofiles.org/>

GEAR UP staff attended the 2010 annual conference sponsored by the National Council for Community Education and Partnerships (NCCEP)/GEAR UP in Washington, D.C. , July 18-21.

The conference convened GEAR UP programs from across the U.S. and other college access professionals, as well as their partners for informative concurrent sessions, exciting speakers, and valuable networking opportunities.



Representing ENMU-Roswell GEAR UP at the conference were Mike Gomez (not shown), Derrell Wright (left), Steve Markl, Karina Leven, Traci Dixon, and Liz Novak.

Photo by Liz Novak

- * In high school, you do *homework*. In college, you *study*.
- * In high school, you're told what classes to take. In college, you get to choose; that is, as long as the classes don't conflict, you have the prerequisites, the classes aren't closed, and you've paid your tuition.
- * In college, weekends start on Thursday.
- * In high school, you can't go out to lunch because "it's not allowed". In college, you can't go out to lunch because you can't afford it.
- * In college, any test consists of a larger percentage of your grade than your high school final exams ever did.

Source: <http://www.comedy-zone.net/jokes/laugh/education/student003.htm>

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