



photo by Elaine Engstrom

**Two heads are better than one**

"The couple that studies together, stays together" seems to be the motto for Chuck Williams, an environmental design major from Dallas, and Deborah Mooney, a general studies major from Houston. The two freshmen were studying for finals on the second floor couches at the Sterling C. Evans Library Wednesday afternoon.

**Safety glasses worn prevent eye injuries in the home**

**United Press International**  
NEW YORK — Most eye injuries occur at home, and nine out of 10 can be prevented, says the executive director of the National Society to Prevent Blindness.

with tools and construction materials such as strong cleaners, garden fertilizers and aerosol products. The society also recommends chemical safety goggles when using household che-

An estimated 45 percent of all eye injuries are from home accidents, Virginia S. Boyce said. Industry requires protective eyewear, but too many people do not use the same precautions in eye-threatening activities at home, she said.

The top causes of eye injuries at home involve home construction materials and hand and power tools, Boyce said.

Power mowers often throw rocks, sticks and other ground debris toward the face with great velocity, she said.

To prevent accidents, the society recommends wearing industrial quality safety glass while mowing the lawn or working

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**skydiver survives  
fall, jumps again  
in spite of injuries**

**United Press International**  
FORT, Pa. — A middle-aged skydiver whose main and reserve parachutes failed to open on a 3,500-foot jump not only survived but landed without a bruise and did it in less than 4,500 feet. "I just wanted to get it out of my system," Nuncio Forte, 53, a Erie County carpenter, said Tuesday while recovering from a knee and knee sprains at his home.

"If I didn't do it then, I was going to die. I'd never do it again. I'm an old man. I'm not the type who doesn't like to let anything get me down."

Forte was making his 14th jump Sunday at Hazleton when his main chute failed to open. By the time he discarded it and pulled the ripcord on his reserve, he was only 50 to 100 feet above the ground.

The second time it came out, he was a little nervous. "I was a little nervous. I really was nervous to the ground. I was still falling at an estimated 75 mph. Forte touched down on an asphalt driveway between two

homes, with his left knee striking the ground first.

"All my buddies thought I was dead," he said. "They came running over and they said, 'We thought you were a goner.' They were hugging me and kissing me, and the girls were crying."

Although he was "scared to death," Forte steeled himself and said he wanted to go back up and jump from 4,500 feet.

"They said, 'My God, you came back from the dead once, and you want to do it again,'" Forte recalled.

The second jump went without incident.

"I've got a sprained neck and I can't turn it much either way, and my knees are sprained, but other than that I feel great," he said.

The incident has not diminished Forte's love for sky diving, although it upset his wife and "she's about ready to kill me herself," he said.

"I'm lucky, but I still like sky diving," he said. "I love free fall. It's beautiful just going through the air. Sometimes I don't even like to open up (the parachute). I like to keep falling."

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