

Silo threatens public safety

Everyone makes mistakes.

However, few error so much as to build missile silos which become outdated soon after they are built only to become a threat to the safety of many people.

Originally constructed to fire missiles at the USSR, the silo is still attempting to reach its death toll. However, this time it is with US citizens.

There has already been one death as a result of the silo.

Twenty-four-year-old Dan Spencer was scuba diving in the 140 feet deep water in a silo near Elmwood three years ago when he experienced breathing difficulties and was snagged on the way to the top. His body was recovered 70 feet down. He was accompanied by fellow divers, however, little can be done to save someone under such adverse conditions.

Although this may sound like a "freak accident," it certainly is not. In fact, it is lucky that no one else has died

in the hazardous site near Firth.

Despite many attempts by the local police and owners to close the silo, curious trespassers continually break through and enter the site.

Currently anyone who so wishes can enter with little difficulty. However, it is questionable why someone would want to illegally enter a 140-foot deep, run-down, pitch black, condemned area. The silo is filled with many dangerous stairways as well. Many of the planks are missing, and the wetness inside is rusting the stairs making them extremely unstable.

The **Clarion** investigated this site merely to point out the dangerous hazard it represents in hopes something will be done to shut it and others down completely.

The **Clarion** staff urges its readers not to go investigate on their own. One has died already. More investigators could only result in more deaths or injuries.