Open house at Eloise Knowles Hall

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Montanans are invited to see Eloise Knowles Hall, Montana State University's new "million-dollar" dormitory on University Ave., at an open house Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m., according to Dr. Maurine Clow, associate dean of students.

Some 250 upperclass women who moved into the new residence in February will act as hostesses Sunday, conducting tours of the building and serving refreshments.

Dean Clow stressed that the general public is welcome at the open house. Invitations have also been issued to parents of dormitory residents, the State Board of Regents, the State Board of Examiners, the boards of directors of the MSU Alumni Association and the MSU Endowment Foundation, the Missoula Chamber of Commerce, Missoula men's and women's service clubs, and other organizations.

Guests will include Rad Maxey, Helena, and Curtis K. Maxey, Kalispell, nephews of Miss Knowles, for whom the dormitory is named.

Miss Knowles, with Ella Robb Glenny, comprised the University's first graduating class in 1898. As an early member, and one-time head, of the English faculty, she contributed to the formation of several University traditions. She founded Penetralia, forerunner of Mortar Board (senior women's honorary) and Theta Phi, which was chartered as a Kappa Alpha Theta chapter in 1909. She was born in Deer Lodge in 1872 and died in 1916.

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