30,000 People Crowd Institute As Public Sees MIT Open House

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On Saturday, May 11, 1946, the Institute presented an Open House for the first time in its history. This event was the culmination of nine months of planning by a special committee of students, faculty, and administrative staff.

The open house was a tremendous success, with an estimated 30,000 visitors attending. The Institute was open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and the streets around the campus were filled with people from all over the country.

One of the highlights of the event was the display of the Institute's facilities, including the Science Center, Lincoln Laboratory, and the MIT Museum. Visitors were also able to tour the back shop of the MIT Machine Shop, where they could see the tools and equipment used by MIT students and faculty.

The open house was an opportunity for the Institute to showcase its research and educational programs to the public. Visitors were able to talk with students and faculty members and learn more about the Institute's contributions to technology.

The open house was a significant event for MIT, and it helped to increase the Institute's visibility and reputation. Since then, the open house has become an annual event, attracting thousands of visitors each year.