Alumni Discuss Problems Posed By Outer Space

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The problem presented by outer space was the topic of discussion at the first Rice Alumni Assembly on Monday evening. This idea for an "intellectual stimulus" arose from the Southwestern Assembly last spring.

THE SOUTHWESTERN Assembly is a society of University Alumni which exists at superior colleges to consider immediate world problems and their particular relation to the community.

A larger and older organization founded upon these same principles is The American Assembly. President Dwight D. Eisenhower devised this gathering when he was President of Columbia University in New York. The Southwestern Assembly in a more recent offspring of this society.

MR. WILLOUGHBY Williams, President of the Rice Alumni Association, organized and brought together the participants for the three-meeting affair.

Approximately ninety alumni are divided into four panels and present varied opinions of their own as well as those gathered from personal reading. All were given a book concerning outer space prepared by the aforementioned American Assembly.

The next assembly will be on Thursday evening, followed by the final gathering on November 5th.