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DALLAS--Dr. Thomas E. Starzl, noted surgeon who performed the world's first liver transplant, will speak in Dallas next week at the tenth annual Student Research Forum of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

Dr. Starzl, chief of the busy transplant team at The University of Colorado Medical Center in Denver, will address medical students and faculty members during the program at 7 p.m. Tuesday (May 9) in the school's Skillern Student Union. His topic is "Whole Organ Transplantation."

The surgical team headed by Dr. Starzl has logged a milestone performance, doing 395 kidney transplants, 57 liver transplants and three heart transplants in the past decade. Dr. Starzl and his Denver associates carried out the first human liver transplant in March, 1963, and accomplished one of the nation's first kidney transplants in 1962. Six of the liver recipients survive.

Dr. Starzl's evening address will highlight a program that also will include six reports by Southwestern students on medical research projects they have conducted during the past year. The studies range from a description of the effects of severe bleeding on lung function to a study of how X-rays affect the liver's ability to process the fatty substance cholesterol.

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The six finalists are from a field of 19 entrants in this year's student competition. A faculty committee will select the two best examples of original research, with the winning students receiving expense-paid trips to the medical research meeting of their choice. All finalists receive \$100 prizes and certificates.

Competing for the two major prizes are students Gary Gosdin, Fred Griffin and Stuart Small, Mary Milam, Alan Swann, Joel Taurog, Michael Weinberg and Stanley Pomarantz.

Dr. Starzl, a member of the Colorado medical faculty since 1962, is scheduled to become chairman of the Department of Surgery there on July 1. Holder of both M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from Northwestern, he also is chief of surgery at the Denver Veterans Administration Hospital.

Among awards accorded Dr. Starzl have been the \$5,000 Eppinger Prize, an international award for contributions in the field of liver disease, and the Middleton research award of the Veterans Administration.

A major byproduct of Dr. Starzl's pioneering work is anti-lymphocyte globulin, a serum first produced in his laboratory which assists in controlling the rejection process in transplant surgery.

Earlier in the day Tuesday, Dr. Starzl is scheduled to take part in Surgery Grand Rounds at Parkland Memorial Hospital. He will speak to an assemblage of physicians and hospital staff in the hospital library at 1 p.m.

Student chairman for the research forum, sponsored by the Southwestern chapter of the Student American Medical Association, is Alan Swann, a senior and one of the research finalists. Dr. John Fordtran, professor of internal medicine, is faculty sponsor of the event.

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