

DOC taking tobacco image to court

So the spring weather is beckoning you to flex your athletic muscles but you don't anticipate an invitation to tee off at the Masters? The Medical College of Georgia chapter of Doctors Ought to Care (DOC) has an alternative, and one that boasts a good cause to boot.

DOC is sponsoring the fourth annual Emphysema Slims Tennis Tournament March 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Newman-Augusta Tennis Center.

DOC is composed of medical students and physicians dedicated to promoting good health in the community. One of its chief goals is to discourage youths from smoking.

"The purpose of the tournament is to present to kids some healthy role models in stark contrast to what the tobacco company does with Virginia Slims," said DOC director David Kahn, a sophomore medical student. "It's not meant to make fun of smokers, but of the images tobacco companies put forth to entice people to smoke. We sympathize with smokers and encourage them to come enjoy the pro-health spirit of the day. We hope smokers who want to quit will make March 26 the quit day."

All tennis players who consider themselves in the intermediate to advanced range are invited to participate. The tournament will feature

four categories of round robin doubles matches. The teams will be selected on the basis of the players' self-evaluation. Winning teams in each category will advance, and the overall winning team will play a special exhibition match. Prizes will be donated by local merchants.

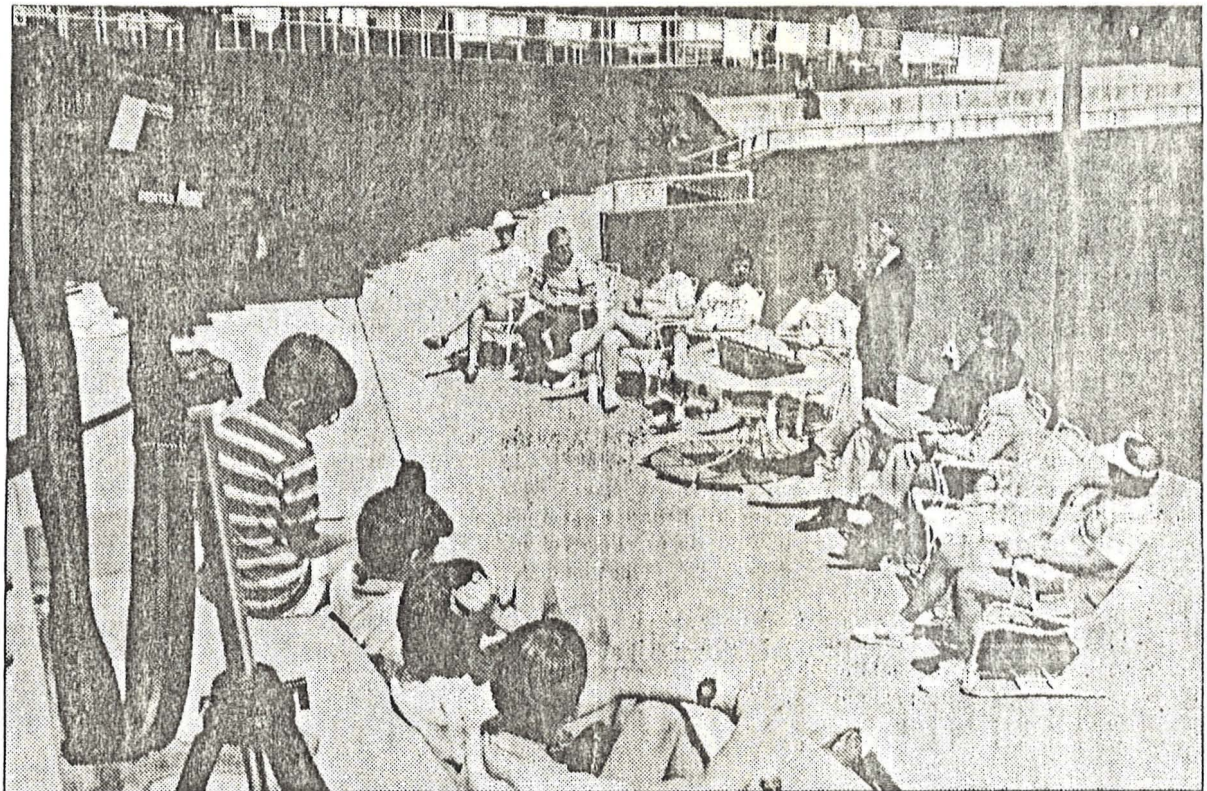
The cost is a \$10 entrance donation, which includes a T-shirt, breakfast, lunch (provided by MCG's Medical Dames) and a reception. All donations are tax deductible. The entrance deadline is March 24.

Congressman Douglas Barnard Jr. will deliver a keynote speech at 11:30 a.m. WBBQ will broadcast live from the tournament throughout the day.

The tournament also will feature events for children, including a tennis serving contest, football clinic, tobacco-product toss into a trash can, Dunk-the-Marlboro-Man contest and drug abuse informational exhibits. Also, anti-smoking posters by Richmond County schoolchildren and be displayed and judged. The winning poster will be displayed as a billboard in Augusta, and the artist will win \$100. Local merchants will donate prizes to second- and third-place entrants.

The tournament is free and open to the public.

Those interested in participating,



U.S. Congressman Douglas Barnard Jr. speaks at 1986 Emphysema Slims

volunteering, making a donation or buying a T-shirt should call Mr. Kahn at ext. 2269 or 737-2412.