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## Group flays promotion of smoking

The tobacco industry, increasingly under fire from several groups, received a stab this weekend from the Medical College of Georgia's chapter of Doctors Ought to Care,

DOC, a nationwide non-profit group created in 1977 by family practice physicians, sponsored the area's second annual Emphysema Slims Celebrity-Pro Tennis Tournament Saturday, interrupting play long enough to denounce tobacco. companies and their frequent endorsement of athletic events.

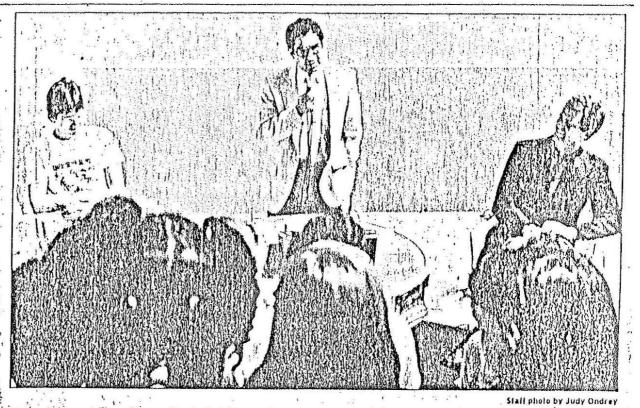
Standing behind a small poster which read, "Emphysema Slims .... You've Coughed Up Long Enough, Baby," MCG medical student and tournament co-coordinator - Adam Goldstein explained reasoning behind the tournament's title.

"The tournament's name is a take-off on Virginia Slims, which encourages women to be independent in association with tobacco ... We think sports should be smoke-free."

The tournament, held at Newman-Augusta Tennis Center, featured 18 players from ages 14 to 62.

Commending DOC's medical students for not waiting until graduation to become involved in community health activities, MCG President Dr. Jesse Steinfeld said, "Social action is still the way to make a change."

DOC presented Bob Lutz, 1985



Dr. Jesse Steinfeld speaks at a tennis tournament Saturday

United States Open Men's 35's singles champion, and Gerald Riggs. Atlanta Falcons Running Back and 1985-86 National Football Conference rushing champion, the Best Athletić Role Model Award for their fundraising efforts for such disorders as alcoholism, cystic fibrosis and birth defects.

Also presented at the tournament were awards for area school students' posters about dangers of ... smoking.

The grand prize of \$100 was

awarded to Nikki Butler, 8, a student ' Brian Merry.

at A. Brian Merry Elementary." School. Nikki's poster will be en- first place went to Dov Estroff, Aularged onto a billboard in the Augus-" gusta Country Day School; second ta area by fall, said Susan Williamson, a medical student at MCG who try Day; and third place was tied helped judge poster contest entries. 1

In the 5- to 9 years old category, " first place went to Laura Davis of Forest Hills Elementary School; . Winners for best poster slogans Brian Merry; and third place was a . School; and Ashley Patterson, Paige est Ilills and Dante Murray of A. Brian Merry

In the 10- to 17 years old grown, place, Todd Yeager, Augusta Counbetween Chris Newsome, Hephzibah Elementary School, and Jeff Williamson, Augusta Country Day.

second place, Toni Vericella of A. were Sissy Kuhlke, Episcopal Day tied between Jamie McNeal of For- Hester and Shawn Walker, all of A.