

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



Staff photo by Judy Ondrey

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 Athletic 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 at A. Brian Merry Elementary School. Nikki's poster will be enlarged onto a billboard in the Augusta area by fall, said Susan Williamson, a medical student at MCG who helped judge poster contest entries.

In the 5- to 9 years old category, first place went to Laura Davis of Forest Hills Elementary School; second place, Toni Vericella of A. Brian Merry; and third place was a tied between Jamie McNeal of Forest Hills and Dante Murray of A.

Brian Merry.

In the 10- to 17 years old group, first place went to Dov Estroff, Augusta Country Day School; second place, Todd Yeager, Augusta Country Day; and third place was tied between Chris Newsome, Heplizibah Elementary School, and Jeff Williamson, Augusta Country Day.

Winners for best poster slogans were Sissy Kuhlke, Episcopal Day School; and Ashley Patterson, Paige Hester and Shawn Walker, all of A. Brian Merry.