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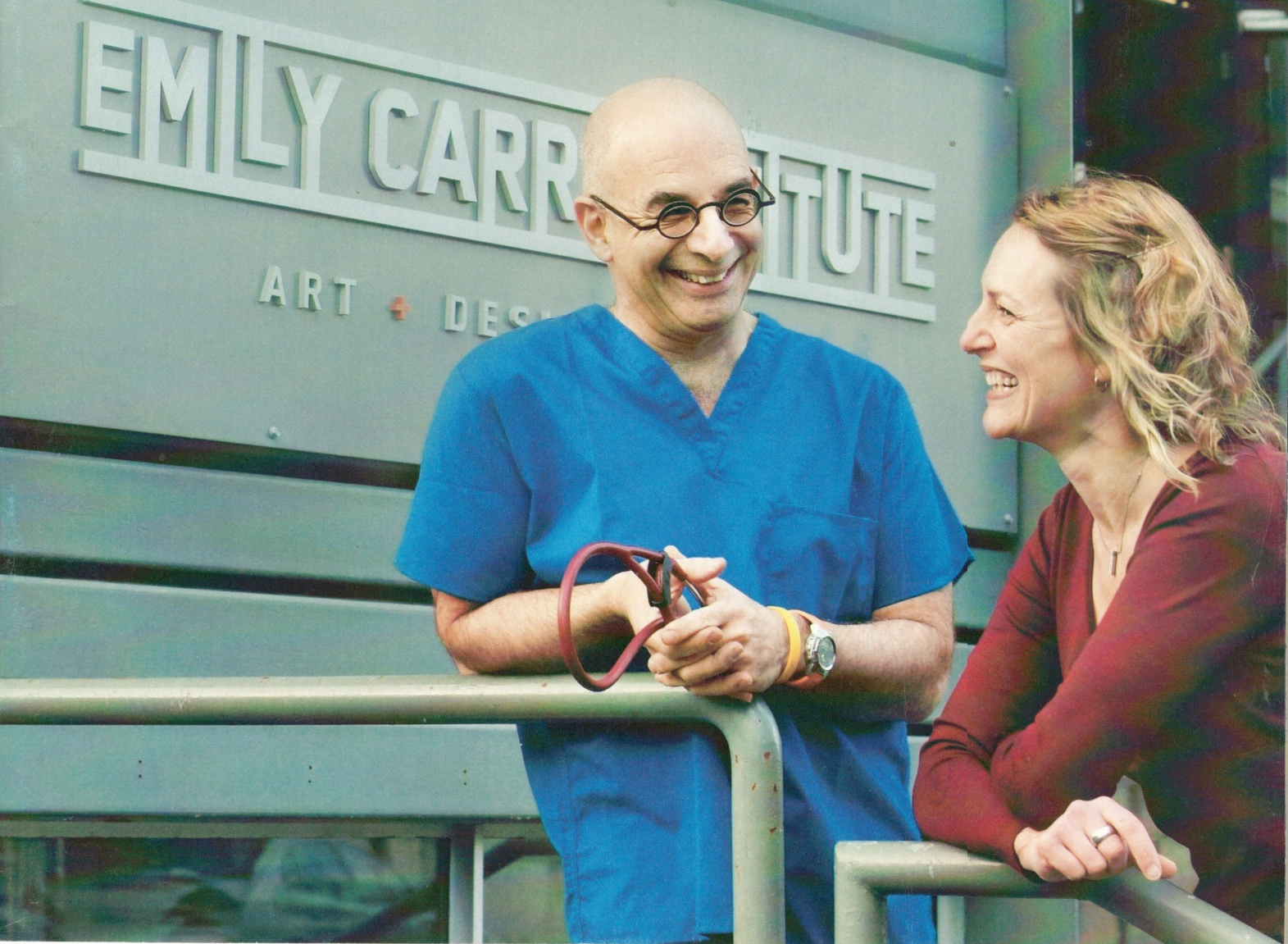
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From Victoria

BC's Family Physician of the Year

In November 2006, **DR.**

DARLENE HAMMELL, (1 below) assistant dean of Student Affairs for the Island Medical Program, was honoured by her peers as BC's Family Physician of the Year. The Victoria-area physician was recognized for her exemplary work as a clinician and for her service to the community through her teaching, mentorship and activism, including voluntary work overseas.

Hammell and Dr. Jim Stockdill helped to establish the UBC Family Practice Residency Training Program in Victoria in 1992. A strong advocate of education in her clinical practice, in local Continuing Medical Education activities and in the Victoria community, Dr. Hammell organized Victoria's first Women's Health Forum. She plans to go to Ecuador in 2007 to assist with pre- and post-operative medicine in a small Catholic hospital.

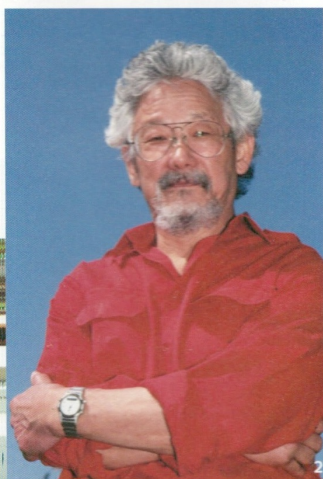


David Suzuki and NMP Student

On Stage in Prince George

Internationally renowned scientist David Suzuki (2 below) was in Prince George on January 27 as the guest speaker at the Northern Medical Society's third annual **DR. BOB EWERT MEMORIAL LECTURE**. His lecture was titled *The Challenge of the 21st Century: Rediscovering the Human Place in the World*.

The event is a highlight for the **NORTHERN MEDICAL PROGRAM** and is attended by NMP faculty, students and members of the Prince George community. **SUZIE BUTOW**, Class of 2010, spoke at the event on behalf of her fellow medical students.



Search and Rescue Hero

Med student shares in the danger, the glory—and a night on Mount Seymour

Third-year Vancouver-Fraser Medical Program student **DOUG BROWN** (3 & 4 below) was one of seven search and rescue volunteers who spent the night on Mount Seymour with a badly injured snowshoer, who was rescued on January 19 after a three-day ordeal.

The snowshoer was hypothermic when the first rescuers got to him at dusk on January 17. Brown was one of a team of five who were able to get through to the man the next day, bringing food and supplies. Due to bad weather and avalanche conditions, Brown and the other rescuers were forced to camp out with the injured man, sheltering in snow caves. The man was airlifted out the following afternoon.

Brown has been with Lions Bay Search and Rescue for 10 years. Current medical students **JACQUIE TRUDEAU**, Class of 2008 and **BRADY WARNICK**, Class of 2007 also volunteer with search and rescue teams.

Hiding in Plain Sight

Discovery may lead to "smart" therapies for breast and ovarian cancer

A team of stem cell and cancer scientists in the Faculty of Medicine has discovered that the protein podocalyxin is not only a predictor of metastatic breast cancer, but it also changes the shape and adhesive quality of tumour cells, affecting their ability to grow and metastasize.

"We believe we've found an important new culprit in metastatic breast cancer, which opens up an entirely new avenue of cancer research," says **CALVIN ROSKELLEY**, an associate professor of cellular and physiological science who specializes in breast cancer and is co-senior principal investigator. "The culprit is hiding in plain sight on the surface of tumour cells, so we are now developing 'smart' molecules to block its function. The ultimate goal is to generate new targeted, non-toxic treatments—very different from the standard 'slash and burn' chemotherapy."

For more about this discovery and the people who worked on it, go to www.med.ubc.ca/news/News.htm.

