

One More Thing

Prof. David Evans at work in the lab



Blinding You With Science

▶ The “Understanding Science” evenings have been an underground institution in Beijing and Shanghai for the last two years. The series has drawn everyone from science majors to back-room enthusiasts, while always managing to entertain. The next event is at Bridge Café on Wednesday, November 21.

The Beijing branch was launched six months ago by professors David Evans and Richard de Grijs. Topics so far have included global warming, nanotechnology, genetically modified food and the Big Bang theory (not the television show).

The great thing about Understanding Science is that you don't have to have a science background to enjoy it, and it's not just for nerds. But don't feel bad if you find yourself adrift, reassures Professor Evans. “Afterwards, there is an opportunity for plenty of questions and

discussion over a glass of wine or a cup of coffee,” he says.

For the next event, visiting specialist Dr. Arno Koning will discuss vision, and the spectacular way that hundreds of millions of cells inside our brain work together to allow us to see the world around us, including this magazine. If that's not cool, we don't know what is!

These evenings always leave us feeling curious and even a tad smarter. If you can make the trek to Wudaokou, it's a great way to keep in touch with all things science—and it's free.

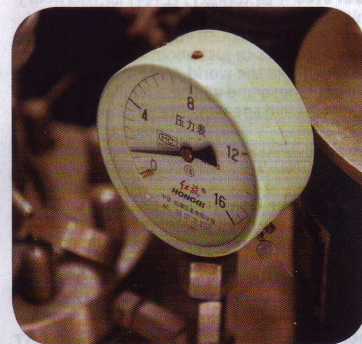
Who said being a geek can't be fun?

■ Amaliah Marmon-Halm

Understanding Science: “Phenomenal Vision” at Bridge Café, Wednesday, November 21, 7:30pm
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Gauging the pressure



Bottoms up



Science in technicolor

