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Debate On!

Charles Dirrig gets his point across at the Beijing Debate Society

What does British Parliamentary-style debate have that other styles don't? The peculiarity of the BP style is that there are four teams of two people each competing during a debate: two on proposition and two on opposition. So teams are not only fighting the opposite side but are also trying to be better than the other team on their own side. To do this, the team that comes at the end of the debate may "extend" the debate. This is the main differentiation of the BP style: the extension is unique to it. Pretty hard but very interesting! **Does beer come before, during or after the debate session?** Beer is all along, but tea is welcome, too. We tend to stay on the reasonable side, but when we'll try out the more fun motions we might reconsider! **How does a typical debate session work?** We keep it simple and efficient. We first run through the rules, the dos and don'ts and discuss logistical issues. While this is happening the last few people arrive and we finish pouring out the beer and other drinks. Then everybody who

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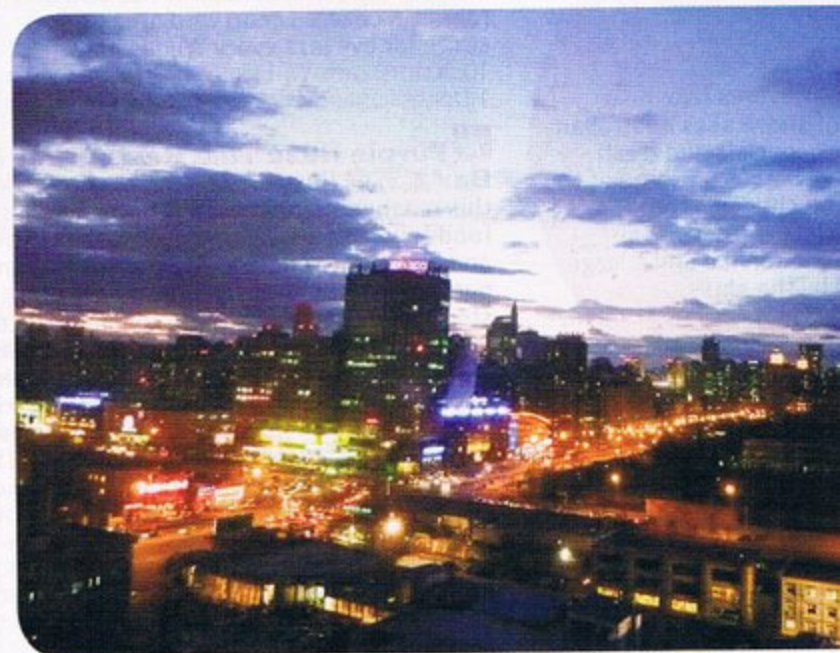
wants to propose a motion and we randomly pick one to debate. We give 15 minutes to prepare, and then each speaker has four to five minutes to make their points. At the end of the debate the judge gives feedback to all the speakers and then the speakers give feedback to the other speakers. **What skill set does debate strengthen?** We have a sort of constitution that says, "[The debater] seeks to improve our members' abilities to analyze opposing opinions, spontaneously structure ideas and clearly convey them." That sums it up pretty well. Making people understand what you want to say is harder than it seems.

What: Debate Society
Where: Danger Doyle's
When: Thursdays, 8pm

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Dawang Lu | dusk

"It looked like there were jewels glittering in the deep, blue ocean."

Diba Kader



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Events

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

FC Club Day Trip to Cuandixia

Escape the concrete jungle for a day with this trip to Cuandixia. The ancient village sits on hillsides that are fun to climb and explore, and villagers cook delicious, homemade food for hungry wanderers. ¥90. 8:30am

FC Club 139-1109-8002
fcclub.beijing@gmail.com
www.fcclub.com/events/bj19june2010

El Dia E

Join the Instituto Cervantes in a celebration of the Spanish language that is spoken by over 450 million people around the world. Expect exhibitions, games, food, and trinkets for sale from Spanish speaking countries. The party ends with a salsa session. 11am

Instituto Cervantes 5879-9666
cenpek@cervantes.org.cn
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SUNDAY, JUNE 20

Lecture: Urban Livability and the Bicycle

Join Shannon Bufton of Smarter Than

Car (see p. 82) as he discusses bike and urban livability. Just a sport, Bufton argues, are an essential key to urban development. 11am
UCCA (Ullens Center for Contemporary Art) 6438-6675
info@ucca.org.cn
www.ucca.org.cn/portal/activeview?798?id=521&menuId=2

Mahjong Workshop

Learn how to play Chinese Mahjong. After just one hour of instruction, you'll be able to handle the board. You might even win, though. ¥70. 2pm

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www.chinaculturecenter.org/eventreg.php?eventid=4111

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

Homemade Chinese Dish Making Class

Learn how to make your own Chinese paste in this class that demonstrates two different recipes. After learning to cook, students will get a brief introduction to different ways to incorporate their own cooking by the end of the class. ¥220/¥200 (members)

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