



Being a double major, seldom do I have occasion to venture out of my Folgers Crystals and Mini-Thins existence to that hedonistic hallway of bars that comprises the greater part of lower State. When offered the opportunity to visit the Edge at 423 State for the benefit of the greater good, I felt the sheer tug of my Irish liver cells (what's left of them) to provide the necessary vices outside of caffeine to which they had long been neglected. I dusted off my little black book thinking that a lucky lady might be in order, but soon realizing most of the numbers therein were from my red neck past in the Central Valley. So I called them. As I had presumed, those long lost loves were either: a.) bare-foot, pregnant and shacked up with some guy that works at a bottling plant and uses pet names like "ol' lady," b.) studying towards an associates degree at night while working at the seed 'n feed/tannery during the day or c.) some combination of the first two, with a divorce, extra kid or chemical dependency to boot. In any event, they weren't willing to make the six hour drive down for a date. One of those majors being psychology, I decided to run a little experiment which I am now writing a paper on entitled, "Can an average guy can find love in a downtown bar?" I decided to put my ego on the line and my theory to the test.

I went in with a bias, having written off downtown bars as a conformity mill, but found the Edge to be diverse in its clientele, moving beyond the normal weekend set to include a few of SB.'s nearly-thirty-somethings. I had not accounted for this independent variable. With its fair share of the sports and beer/tonic and tank top set, it may not be controlled environment, but is there really such a thing as an ideal controlled environment? As easy as it is to mock them, I was constantly eyeing their kind, wanting nothing more than a to be a part of their world. The drink specials helped me through the rough patches. The gracious Edge staff can mix any stiff drink in a timely fashion, adding to an overall sense of being taken care of. On Thursday's, Vodka and Red Bulls or Long Island Iced Teas are \$2.50 a pop. At that price, you can start off your night when the doors open at 8 p.m. and still have enough money for cab fare at last call. The Edge is open Wednesday through Sunday, with live music on Wildcat Wednesday and Friday nights from the best on the Santa Barbara scene, with a focus on the local Punk, Indie Rock acts and I.V .favorites. Can anyone say Blazing Haley? El Jefe? On the whole, my time at the Edge was more than adequate as a venue for

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running my experiment. Somehow I was having a good time regardless of the little interaction between the subject and test groups.

Having chalked the night up as a loss in the never-ending (sometimes it just feels that way) quest for companionship and data, I finished my beer and went out to hail a cab. Waiting on the sidewalk gave me a chance to reflect on my observations. In my analysis of what went wrong, I came to the conclusion that most young women at a bar have little interest in Skinner boxes and will rebuff a suitor should he bring up the topic as the key element of a pick up line. And though some may find shock treatment kinky, I could find no coquette to be my lab assistant. Therefore, it is my conclusion that you cannot blame the conditions for poor experimental design and execution, and should you abandon my methods completely, a night for you at the Edge might yield better results.

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