

Dear Editor,

My fellow graduating seniors and I have been inundated with requests to contribute money to BYU. The cute campaign slogan being “ $\$1=\$6$ . Do the math.” I will be graduating with degrees in mathematics and economics and so feel qualified to “do the math.” This is what I found.

For every one dollar I contributed there would be a total of six dollars contributed. However, as a graduating senior, money is a scarce commodity. But notice that if we start with our equation  $\$1=\$6$  and subtract  $\$1$  from each side we get that  $\$0=\$5$ . In other words, for every zero dollar contribution I make, a total of five dollars will be contributed.

As it turns out I have a lot of nothing and am quite willing to make as many zero dollar donations as the drive needed. At first I considered making 50 million zero contributions, enough to construct a new building. Humility won out though and I decided a modest 50 zero contributions would be enough to honor my BYU experience.

So farewell my fellow BYU undergraduates. I hope that my modest contribution will continue to be a boon for years to come.

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