

Technology that controls our lives

'I use my cell phone a lot; I have it with me everyday'

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Which did students prefer, an iPod or a Walkman? How many hours a day did they spend online? How many texts did they send a day? Technology in school has improved over the years. From computers to laptops, walkmans to iPods, cell phones to Sidekicks... change was rapid.

"I have an iPod nano and I enjoy it so much. It's much easier to use and work with," said **Daniel Rubin, 11.**

An iPod was a combination digital audio player and portable hard drive from Apple Computer. It was about the size of a deck of playing cards but there were other designs which were about the size of a pack of gum. They even had iPods out that can show you music videos and seasons of some television shows.

"I do not own an iPod because with so many new additions coming out, by the time you get one, there's a new design and yours is old news," said **Anna Hulett, 11.**

Remember when cell phones had just come out and they were the latest thing?

"I use my cell phone a lot, I have it with me almost everyday," said **Jenna Kelly, 9.**

Well, many replaced cell phones with Sidekicks. A Sidekick could do everything that cell phone could and more. Take pictures, text message -- that's nothing compared to what a sidekick could do.

"I have a Sidekick and it's amazing to see what it can do. It just has so many more tools that you can use," said **Jen Kissinger, 10.**

Students had decked out their cell phones and iPods with decorative designs, including beads, jewels, key chains, and iPod covers. Also, iPods were being listened to in cars.

Adapters were bought like crazy by kids who had previously purchased an iPod. The adapter could be plugged into the cigarette lighter in the car, or could transmit through an FM transmitter making all the songs available from one's iPod.

Not only has technology stepped up in the outside world, but also in the school. The school had added 56 new computers and the academic English classes have added computers with flat screens to the classrooms.

The school also added more laptops for availability. The new laptops were much smaller and thinner so they were easier to carry around and room from classroom to classroom for the students to use.

Sidekick or slam with Kevin Steiner

q: Do you think Sidekicks are cool? Would you buy one for yourself or is a regular cell phone all you need?

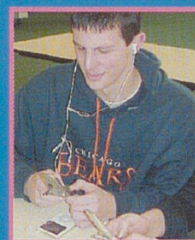
a: I would definitely buy a Sidekick. You always have to be up to date with technology.

q: What do you think will be the next big technological advancement?

a: I think the next technological advancement will be that no one will have to drive to school themselves anymore. The cars will be directed on the road by magnets.

q: What technology would you bring with you to a deserted island?

a: My cell phone, laptop, digital camera, and my iPod.



All different types of cell phones are sold everyday. Everything from Verizon to Cingular, you name it, people had them. This was just a sample of the different types of cell phones that were sold in 2005-2006.