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Back to 1984

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The story below reminds me of an incident with my sons a couple years back. We were visiting grandma and I heard of roars of laughter coming from the family room. I walked in to find them pointing to a rotary phone, which was my primary link to the outside world as a teenager.

"Dad, have you seen this? Does this work? How old is this thing? This must be from the 1900s."

Journalism professor asks students to go five days without modern technology.

A professor at the University of Minnesota asked her students to turn off their iPods, cell phones and laptops and turn on the 8-track players, landlines and typewriters.

Last month, Heather LaMarre, assistant professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, asked the students in her principles of strategic communication course to go five days without using technology created after 1984.

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