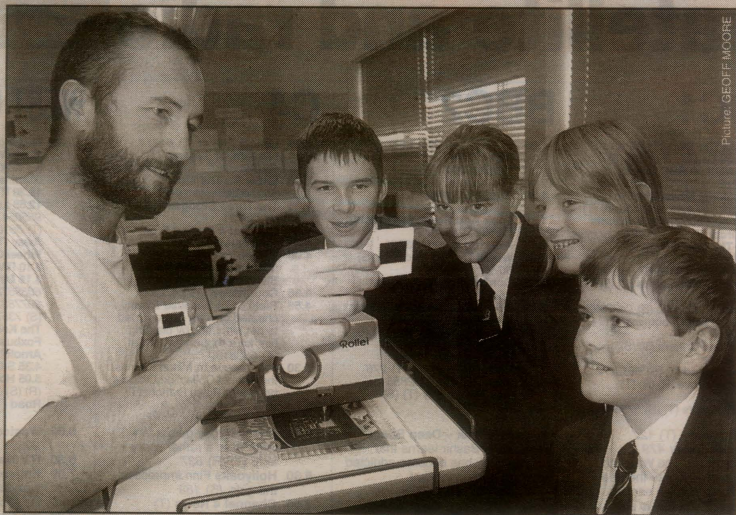


DORSET ECHO



Thursday, September 30, 1999



Picture: GEOFF MOORE

FILM STAR: Jason Lewis shows, from left, David Vaughan, Zoe Allen and Kimberley Masters his slides

Meeting a real network explorer

JASON Lewis took a breather from pedalling around the planet to drop into Budmouth Technology College to launch a new on-line after-school club.

The intrepid Bridport adventurer - who is three quarters of the way through his bid to cross the globe in a pedal boat - took a break to launch the Weymouth's school's culture link club which will give

youngsters the chance to surf the Internet.

The explorer - who has had to abandon ship for a few months because of the typhoon season - inspired youngsters with tales and slides of his adventures on his five-year-long expedition.

Students are hopeful that the Budmouth culture link club will be launched on to the Global Learning Exchange in the

future once they build their own website, containing video 'culture bites' of schools across the UK plus digital and black and white photography.

Design and technology teacher Kirsty Legg said: "They will also video conference with schools in Europe, the Americas, Australia and the Pacific Islands and take part in a world pen pals exchange via e-mail."