dahl set out in 1947. The original crew included five Norwegians and a Swede. So far, the new crew are just five, including a Swede. They are one crewman short: they still need a good navigator.

*Reuters, September 6, 2004*

**CONSTRUCTION ON THE NEW HANGA ROA CATHOLIC SCHOOL**
(Hermano Eugenio Eyraud SS.CC) is scheduled to begin at the end of September, now that construction materials have arrived to the island on the ocean tugboat *Galvarino*. The ship also carried cargo to repair the search-and-rescue launch, *Tokerau*, and also for the Gobernacion Maritima de Hanga Roa.

Repairs to the gym should be completed in August. Village rumors say that some APEC folks will be coming to the island in October for a meeting.

The new public school is supposed to be completed in October. By next March, grades kindergarten through the 6th grade will remain at the old school in town and the upper grades will be going to the new school. The old school in town will be given a "face lift". So far, the road is not paved to the new school, which is located outside the village where the old leper sanatorio used to be.

There also is talk of building a new hospital and a new airport terminal, including reorienting the airport parking area, which should be farther from the landing strip than it is now.

**BY THE END OF THIS YEAR**, a site for a new village cemetery must be found. Expanding the size of the old cemetery is opposed by those who live close to it, and yet most island residents want the cemetery to be near the village. The Mayor's plan is to place a new cemetery near the west end of the runway, north of the Hotel Iorana. That area cannot have any construction because it is in the path of incoming airplanes, so it is rather a dead zone anyway (no pun intended).

A NEW WEBSITE has pictures of the island's Mercado, and island carvings: http://www.mercadonui.com/index.htm

**THE TOUR GUIDES OF RAPA NUI** together with Camara de Turismo and other entities, are in the process of finding a way to certify island guides. There are four workshops scheduled and hopefully, by the end of 2004, guides will be given a certification to be an "official guide". The importance of this cannot be underestimated. The way things are now, anyone – from a taxi driver newly-arrived from Valparaiso on – can call themselves a "guide" regardless of whether they know anything whatsoever about the island and its history.

**A MARATHON RUN** was held on the island in June. It seems to have been a great success, and plans are to continue this event next June. There were several races including a 10k and a 20k run (starting at 'Anakena beach). Over 100 people came for the event, including runners from Chile, Europe, USA, Finland, Australia, Japan, and China. Some Rapanui also competed in the races. The finish line was in Hanga Roa, near the old Hanga Roa hotel. This seems a good way to bring in some tourism during the slow winter season.

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