

From Surviving to Thriving

ONE VOLUNTEER'S EXPERIENCE

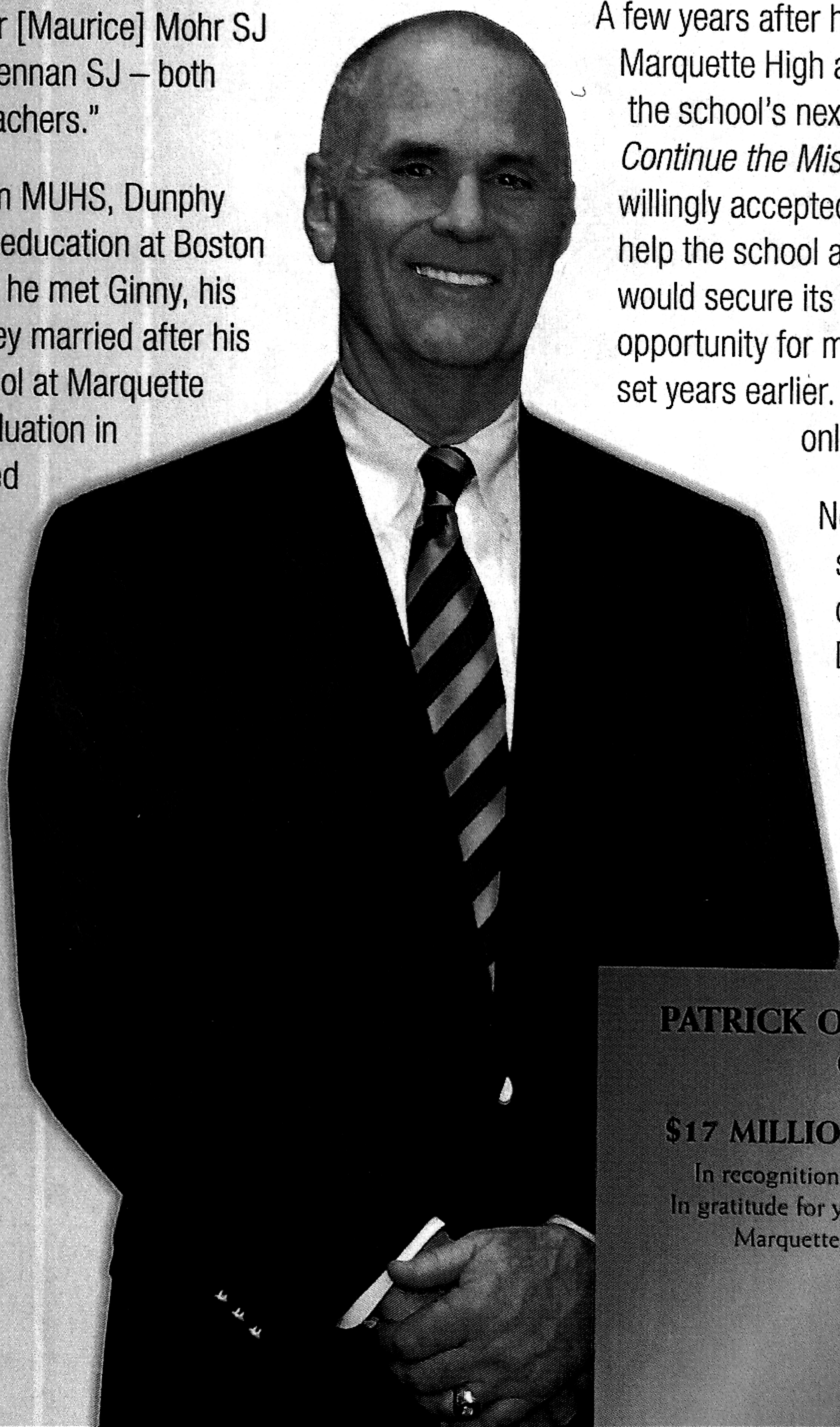
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Marquette University High School has seen significant changes the past two decades and right in the middle of it all has been alumnus and longtime volunteer **Pat Dunphy '69**, father of **Brian '94**, **Kevin '96**, **Patrick '99** and **Michael '07**.

Back in 1988 when enrollment was down and Marquette High's then 60-year-old building was worn, Dunphy responded to an alumni survey and has kept providing those comments, guidance and service ever since.

Dunphy's MUHS experience started in the fall of 1965 when he quickly began many of his lifelong friendships. His fondest memories of his student days, he says, include playing sports with friends and playing baseball for Eddie Czuppa. Sports aside, he attributes his professional success as a noted Milwaukee lawyer in large part to his academic experience in high school. "The faculty taught me to write, to analyze situations and to think with a critical mind," he explains. "I owe a particular debt of gratitude to Father [Maurice] Mohr SJ and Father [Tom] Brennan SJ – both were outstanding teachers."

After graduating from MUHS, Dunphy continued his Jesuit education at Boston College. It was there he met Ginny, his wife of 34 years. They married after his first year of law school at Marquette University. After graduation in 1976, Dunphy worked as a clerk for the Hon. John Reynolds in Milwaukee, then with an insurance defense firm, then with the Habush law firm where he spent six years working with his boyhood friend,



Bill Cannon '66. The two created their own firm in 1985 and have been in practice together ever since.

Just a couple years after responding to the MUHS alumni survey, Dunphy's oldest son Brian entered high school. It was then that Dunphy's involvement with the school grew even more important to him. It was critical to see the school his father, **Ward Dunphy '27** and his brother, **Rev. Richard Dunphy SJ '59**, also attended survive. "When my involvement started in 1988 with the *AMDG* campaign it was important for me to see the school not only survive, but thrive once again," he recalls.

After assisting with the successful campaign, Dunphy was elected to the Board of Directors in 1993 and became Chairman of the Board in 1995 – a position he held until 1999. During that time, he helped lead long-range planning efforts, which called for building renovations that would ready it for the 21st century.

A few years after his leaving the Board, Marquette High asked Dunphy to lead the school's next campaign – the *Continue the Mission* campaign. He willingly accepted. "I believed if I could help the school accomplish this goal it would secure its future. It was an opportunity for me to reach the goal set years earlier...to see the school not only survive, but thrive."

Now, four years after signing on to lead the campaign, which Dunphy named "because it's all about the mission," the

Pat Dunphy was recognized at the recent President's Club Dinner for all his work and leadership during the Continue the Mission campaign. He was presented with a framed MUHS baseball jersey with the number "\$17m" on it with an inscribed plaque.

campaign goal of \$17 million was not only surpassed, but blown past to \$22.7 million. The campaign has provided funds for physical plant renovations and additions, a new Mission Endowment for faculty, and additional scholarship endowment funds. "We couldn't have done it without Pat's leadership, determination and persistence," says **Rev. Warren Sazama, SJ '64**, MUHS president. "He kept us steady through the ups and downs of the campaign. The school is indebted to him for his service."



PATRICK O. DUNPHY '69, CAMPAIGN CHAIR
Continue the Mission Campaign

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In gratitude for your time, talent and treasure to ensure the mission of
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