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The 1959 Advocate described "Dick" Wylie as "the well rounded athlete." In his years at Needham High School Dr. Wylie participated in football, basketball, and baseball, and was also a member of Boys' Leaders Club. In addition, he sang in the Boy's Glee Club and played in the High School Band. At graduation he was awarded the Needham Kiwanis Club Scholarship.

After graduating from Plymouth State College, Dr. Wylie attended Boston University where he received both a Master of Education degree and a Doctor of Education degree.

Dr. Wylie began his education career as an elementary teacher in Gloucester. After Gloucester he was employed by the Needham School System. Following this he was a reading consultant for the Norwood Public Schools and Supervisor of Reading and Speech in the Walpole School System. Leaving the public school system and moving to the field of higher education, Dr. Wylie accepted the position of assistant professor at the University of Connecticut. In 1971 he became a Department Chair at Temple University. From Temple Dr. Wylie moved to the University of Colorado where he served as Dean of the School of Educational Studies. Returning to the Boston area in 1978, he accepted the position of Vice-President and Dean of the Graduate School at Lesley College. Four years ago he was appointed President of Endicott College in Beverly. During his career Dr. Wylie has also served as an education consultant, a

visiting university lecturer, and education program director, a convention and professional conference speaker, and the research editor for a professional magazine. He has worked with low-income, multi-cultural, and minority students through Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD), Denver Urban Renewal Association (DURA), the Chicano Education Coalition, and Urban Cities. Dr. Wylie has developed a specialization in international education, serving as a consultant and specialist on education and school development and working for ministries, overseas universities, and government agencies in Ethiopia, Portugal, Brazil, Mexico, and the Persian Gulf. In his international work he has endeavored to establish relationships between foreign ministries and American colleges.

Dr. Wylie is the author of many articles, monographs, books, and educational materials. These include a language development program; high school learning packages; and articles in the Reading Teacher, The Reading News Report, and Education. His writings cover the subjects of multi-cultural education, international education, language development, career education and life skills, and school/college organization and curriculum.

In addition to his professional career, Dr. Wylie has also been involved in community service as Director, North Shore Chamber of Commerce; Director, United Way-North Shore; Area Director, BayBank Middlesex; and Incorporator, Beverly Hospital.