



THE B. WILLIAM VAN LOO MEMORIAL AWARD IN THEATER DESIGN-TECHNOLOGY

for

Theater Design and Technology Students

in the

School of Theatre Arts and Dance

College of Performing and Visual Arts

University of Northern Colorado

Barrett William (Bill) Van Loo was born Oct. 23, 1937, in Lansing, Michigan, to Abram and Myra (Kelley) Van Loo. Barrett moved to Phoenix, Arizona, in 1945 and attended schools there. After graduating from Phoenix College, he moved to San Diego, California, and received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Theater Design. While at San Diego State University, he met Sarah Annette Abdelouour, and they were married on June 23, 1962, in Brawley. He worked as a technician at San Diego State before moving to Greeley in 1973.

In the fall of 1973, he started at the University of Northern Colorado as technical director, set designer and teacher of Theatre Arts. He was an associate professor of Theatre Arts at the time of his death. He served on the Faculty Senate, as a graduate student adviser, a member of the Greek Theater Institute, and several other University committees. During his tenure at UNC, he was responsible for the production design for more than 100 plays. He also was a freelance artist, a set designer for professional shows in Los Angeles, Las Vegas and San Diego, and a consultant for the stage design at Union Colony Civic Center. He was active in and worked in many capacities with the Boy Scouts. He was a member of the U.S. Institute for Theatre Technology, Inc. and an active member of the Weld County Democratic Party, for which he was a precinct chairman.

The B. William Van Loo Memorial Award in Theater Design-Technology is awarded to junior or senior Theater Design-Technology majors in the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance.

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