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Executive Order 15-002

Mellow Men Recognition

Executive Order Information

Long Title	An Executive Order of the Central Student Government of the University of Michigan to Formally Recognize and Honor the Mellow Men of 1345 Geddes Avenue for Their Historic Contributions to Michigan Athletics, African American Student Life, and the University Community.
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Accordingly, pursuant to the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the Central Student Government, I hereby direct as follows:

The Central Student Government of the University of Michigan formally recognizes and honors the seven African American student-athletes—William “Billy” Taylor, Glenn Doughty, Thomas Darden, Reggie McKenzie, Michael Oldham, Michael Taylor, and Alden “Butch” Carpenter—known as the Mellow Men of 1345 Geddes Avenue, for their historic contributions to Michigan Athletics, African American student life, and the broader University community.

The Mellow Men distinguished themselves in athletics, contributing to Michigan’s success under Head Coach Bo Schembechler, including two Big Ten championships and national recognition, while also providing civic leadership through anti-war protests, the Black Action Movement strike, and service to their communities. The Mellow Men’s story shall be preserved and uplifted as an integral part of University history, ensuring that future generations of students understand their impact both on and off the field.

This recognition shall be shared with the Michigan Athletic Department and other relevant University and civic leaders as a sign of student support for the continued acknowledgment of the Mellow Men’s legacy and the cultural and athletic significance of their historic home.

A ceremonial presentation of this Executive Order shall be made to the Mellow Men and their families at the October 2nd Recognition Ceremony.

Signed,

Eric L. Veal Jr.

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President of the Central Student Government