

GMAC Bowl

After going 9-3 in their regular season the Bobcats were declared the Eastern MAC Champions and were invited to the GMAC Bowl. The Bobcats headed to Mobile, Alabama on January 7, 2007 to play the Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles. With national coverage by ESPN the Bobcats were on the spot to show what they were made of, and played their hearts out. Even though the Bobcats lost, Ohio University pride was still roaring considering this had been Ohio University's first bowl game since 1968.

For their community service in the local Athens area and good standing with the university, the John P. Robbins Squadron of the Arnold Air Society and AFROTC Det 650 were honored by Ohio University in having a special invitation to the GMAC Bowl. Ten cadets were allowed to attend the game on the university's bill, to include free bus fare and game tickets. In exchange, the ten cadets that went participated in community service for Mobile, Alabama.

While down south in Alabama, cadets, Bobcat fans, and Southern Mississippi fans alike were greeted with an amazing GMAC Bowl, Mardi Gras themed parade. Highly decorated floats threw all sorts of beads, stuffed animals, and goodies for the crowd to enjoy and the parade served for a very entertaining evening.

On the next day the cadets went right to work, helping World Wide Paper Recycling place flyers on recycling bins and distributed the bins around the community. Their efforts were crucial in helping Mobile, Alabama establish a large scale recycling program, which would be a first for the city. Cadets worked from early in the morning on Saturday until mid afternoon, when it was time to go to the football game.

Det 650 and the John P. Robins Squadron were well represented by the hard work and great effort these cadets put forth while in Mobile, Alabama. Not only did those cadets go to cheer on the Bobcats and support Ohio University, but they went the extra mile to better the local community. These cadets left a lasting impression of the Air Force core values for the citizens of Mobile, Alabama with true representation of Integrity first, Service before self, and Excellence in all we do.