Marcos Yellis

Freshman returning for spring and spring-spring enrollment are both up 96 percent, according to figures released Thursday by the University of Idaho's enrollment management office.

Statewide, UI now enrolls 11,932 students, more than in Spring 2008. "President Duane Nell's vision at his inauguration two years ago to increase student enrollment by 16,000," said Steve Nawahii, assistant vice president for enrollment management. "We're probably going to need to average four to five percent this year, but we grew more than we did last year, so we're moving in the right direction."

The 16,000-student goal is aimed for 2020. UI has 277 new transfer students this semester, 81 more than a year ago. "Within the region, and almost nationally, community colleges are enrolling at a rate that is going spectacularly. Nawahii said, explaining the growth in transfers. 'A lot of that is in the direct consequence of the economic downturn."

The College of Western Idaho, the newest community college in the state, opened with 1,208 students in January 2005, and tentative figures for January 2009 are nearly four times that. Once community college students do get their associate degrees, and at CWI, many seek enrollment at the university level — mainly seek enrollment at the freshman level. 

Freshman retention in an in-state year for Nohels and UI. 'It's fairly steady,' around 80 to 90 percent, and it's up at 95 percent this year," he said. "The retention of freshmen has been a targeted effort as well."

Rival Moscow pubs play for charity

The original Lurker Bowl trophy was a broken chain which is placed to make a reappearance Saturday — the Lurker Bowl turns 20 this year, one year shy of legal drinking age. "In addition to $5 or three cans of beer, benefits the Moscow Food Bank. Cole said donating beer is a cause that is just as much promotion as it is in large communities to focus on homelessness and poverty, but the issues are also right here in Moscow,"

Linda Nicks, director of the Moscow Food Bank, said the charity would not survive without donations. 

"It is only for the brave of heart," Nicks said. 

On the 20th anniversary of the bar, the Lurker Bowl encourages attendance and donations. 

"Anyone can come to check it out and have a good time. Either it's soda or beer," Cole said. 

The Moscow Food Bank, which has attended Lurker Bowl for the past four years, Randle said she has friends who travel as far as Portland to play in the bowl.

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babes work for preliminary title
idaho frosh to meet w.s.c. kittens

improving with every practice, coach "red" solow's fresh jaylon will renew their rivalry with the lady vols of s.c. kittens saturday night in a preliminary game to the vandal-cougar clash this afternoon.
the game will be played in the gymnasium.
the kittens were defeated in their game with the lady vols saturday; 44 to 35, but spectators were surprised at the ability shown by the kittens when they worked to the limit the best freshman team w.s.c. has had in many years.

saturday afternoon's game will probably stir up some excitement among those who are interested in the game of basketball.

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Campus Greeks donate time, cash

Siga Chi gives more than $3,000 to causes in fall semester

Ashley Centers
Argonaut

Fraternities and sororities at the University of Idaho accumulated a combined 13,416 hours of community service over the past school year. Siga Chi sisters donated a combined 5,094 hours in donations to charitable organizations.

Benefits of donating included Mos- cow Adopt-A-Family, the Mos- cow Humane Society, Habitat for Humanity and the Ameri- can Red Cross.

"We try to provide each house with lots of opportuni- ties," said Matt Euse, advisor to sororities and fraternities on campus.

Giving back to the commu- nity has positive effects for UI students and for those who are being helped and provided for.

"Community service is im- portant to me because people are important to me," said Jil- lary Brown, an international studies student and Alpha Phi member.

In the end, it’s all about relationships, about friendships and it’s about what you did to make someone else’s day just a little bit better.

Alpha Phi, an 85-member sorority, accumulated the most hours of community service last semester.

"People don’t look at the amount of money or the amount of time you put in, but that you have initiative to go out and at least give two hours of your time to help somebody out," said CORONA Beta Theta Pi member from Pembroke. "People don’t look at the amount of money or the amount of time you put in, but that you have initiative to go out and at least give two hours of your time to help somebody out."

Beta Theta Pi received the university’s Outstanding Campus Involvement Award for their contributions at UI.

"Everything we do means a lot to people," said Isaac Conn, a Beta Theta Pi member from Pembroke. "People don’t look at the amount of money or the amount of time you put in, but that you have initiative to go out and at least give two hours of your time to help somebody out."

Beta Theta Pi members said they were happy to push organizations to do as much as they can, and making in-kind and monetary donations encour- ages more giving.

"Going back to the commu- nity, it’s an important part of Greek life, and it’s important that we continu- e this tradition," he said.

Bowen said she grew up helping her com-

Members of Fraternity house families pick up trash in the rain and snow on campus as part of a March 25 campus cleanup event. Fraternities and sororities at the University of Idaho have accumulated a combined 13,416 hours of community service.

because it was important to her fami-

ly and now to something she could do into her future career.

"I have done community service since high school and I just can’t get enough of it," Corona said. "It has changed me in so many ways. It has taught me to not take things for granted and that a smile can make someone’s day. I know I’m fortunate to have what I have today."

Stephanie Hale-Lopez
Argonaut

Films, picture frames and even ornaments are now digital. It is no sur- prise, then, that many textbooks are now avail- able digitally, with some offered at the University of Idaho Bookstore.

The digital textbooks are essentially nothing more than the original printed textbook, avail- able in a computer-read- able format.

Kathleen Norris, text- book coordinator for the bookstore, and students alike, are excited.

"Students either love (digital textbooks) or they hate it," Norris said. "We don’t have numbers or percentages for the year in yet, but it’s cold with them: either they really like it or they don’t."

Norris says more big publishers are offering their textbooks as digital options. The bookstore now offers over 250 titles, a tremendous jump from 45 last term.

The increase in avail- ability follows demand, and since the digital coun- terparts tend to be sold at a discount, Norris said students get a deal.

"They’re cheaper than a used book and cost around half the price of a new book," Norris said. "You’re not losing a lot by going with a used book." Digital text- books first be- came available in a limited amount in the fall of 2006. Norris and Luke Bales, the bookstore’s di- rector, said that digital texts are ascendant.

"I don’t know how much student ap- picipation will happen, but it’s happen sooner than later," Nor- ris said. "I don’t think we will ever be 100 percent ..." because a lot of students like the printed copies.

Digital textbooks are now available through the book- store’s Textbook Express Web site, which takes a stu- dent’s schedule and adds course items to an elec- tronic shopping cart.

"Now we have the e-book feature online," Norris said. "A lot of students didn’t know they were avail- able.

The book- store said the option of choosing the digital content online when ordering books will give digital text- books a leg up on their printed counterparts.

"I think there is a sig- nificant increase in its adoption," Bales said. "It’s important for the books to have both solutions."

More UI-students choosing digital texts

Digital textbooks are a growing trend with book publishers, and the University of Idaho Bookstore now offers 250 titles.

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Idaho weighs delay of larger grocery tax credit

John Miller
Associated Press

Do Idaho residents want an extra $50 next year or should the state forego increasing a credit to offset the state's budget cuts? A referendum on the ballot in November will provide the answer.

Gail C.L. "Buddy" Otter has weighed in, saying his plan began in 2008 to boost the tax credit to $100 for every 10 people and $20 for seniors. He has said he intends to keep.

Still, a legislative co-conference committee has suggested Idaho residents will see about $128 million less in tax revenue than Otter's forecasts over the next two years.

If budget writers opt for a more direct approach rather than the Republican governor's notion of cutting the credit to $35, they might consider what the president of the Idaho Federation of Teachers says.

"It sounds like just another way of sacrificing teachers," said Madrid Bower, president of the federation's bargaining unit. "I don't think it is a course of action they are considering now, but I do think they have been looking at it as a possibility."
Support the troopers

Service members deserve more than a bumper sticker

"Support our troops" tends to be a slogan with many implied meanings during President George W. Bush's eight years in office. Though yellow ribbons, magnetic signs and red blouses are part of supporting our troops, editors at the Idaho State Press and The Student Argonaut, the campus newspaper of Idaho State University, believe there is a need for a more nuanced approach to support. In an article for the Idaho State Press, Katie Barber, the Student Argonaut's Managing Editor, expressed, "I think a lack of appreciation for the [current and past] service members is out there. I think that if we would do a little research, we'd realize that we don't know too much about what our troops are doing in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"In this article, Barber delves into the hardships faced by the military service personnel, such as the psychological stresses of combat and the emotional toll on family and friends. She argues that the lack of understanding about the true nature of military service creates a gap in the public's perception of the sacrifices made for the country.

Barber's article is part of a nationwide initiative to raise awareness and appreciation for the service members. Other media outlets, such as The New York Times and The Washington Post, have also featured articles on the same topic. The Idaho State Press and The Student Argonaut have partnered with these outlets to create a network of support for the troops.

Serenity NOW

Don't buy into hype

It's that time again, when Apple unveils the latest in its line of gadgets. Steve Jobs, bowing before his very passionate and often misaligned praise, is a true master of the art of hype. It's a time when great products come out and enthral and behave like ecovangelists.

I am referring, of course, to the iPad and the new Kindle, which Jobs announced at this event, releasing two popularized rumors of Apple's next generation gadget.

Already Twitter and tech blogs are abuzz about how the iPad is a cash-in item. If reports are to be believed, the iPad will be the end of textbooks, the savior of newspapers, the stem cell of individual games and will bring digital media to every single human being in the world.

But I have reservations about the hype.

Don't believe the hype.

According to Jobs, the iPad will come in four different sizes, 10-inch screen, a 1 GB hard drive and will be offered in 2 GB, 32 GB and 64 GB models. Users will be able to browse the web, read e-books and play games. But the device will be limited to apps and will not support developers. Jobs did not mention the cost of the device, which is a major factor in determining the usability of the device.

Some people have already expressed concerns about the device. Many have pointed out that the iPad is not as flexible as a laptop and does not offer the same level of productivity. Others have criticized the lack of a keyboard and trackpad, which are essential features for many users.

The device is set to be released in April, but it remains to be seen whether the hype will be justified. It is important to remember that the hype does not necessarily reflect reality.
Decision shows other problems

As noted in the Tuesday edition of The Aragonist, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled unanimously that

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Shop Craigslist

Craigslist is like an online yard sale. Sometimes take us Craigslist in to project sets for entirely too much money, but do not let that deter you. Many items are sold by students that are in a hurry or have to move with a tiny car and cannot take everything. Almost anything can be found on the Web site, from electronics to furniture to kitchenware.

Never undervalue the power of haggling. Options for used furniture are still stores or the new and used shop Now and Then on Palmetto River Drive.

Use options for furniture

Dressers, bookshelves and desks can be used in any TV room, study or table or whatever else you imagine function.

For what you bought an about furniture placement, and put what you need where you need it. A CD storage tower can easily be used as a pantry in a small kitchen, and a cabinet can function as a bedside table.

Tidy the kitchen

In the quest to make a small kitchen more livable, counter space is your best friend. Do whatever you can to clear appliances and other items off counters giving the appearance of a cleaner space and the ability to use the kitchen to its full potential. Put the dish drying rack in the pick, or better yet, dry dishes as they are washed. Keep spattering-used appliances (such as smokers) in random closets and only take them out when they are needed. Invest in a pot rack to keep drawers and cabinets free.

Buy less

Very few cultures stock up on food like Americans. Many Europeans buy only what they’ll use within a few days, or even one day. Students living near the Coop, Winco or other grocery stores can stop by on the way home. Ask from school every day or every other day. Never keeping keep at home and dedicating less space to food. Wash, produce and bak-ery items won’t go bad and food will be entirely not left to sit and eventually be thrown out.

Have surprises

College is the perfect time to live in an best, thinnest college like a mature, chic, matching furniture home isn’t expensive. Extra closets can be turned into storage spaces in a few ways: remove the drawer and put a shelf in the closet as a tiny office area, or put a dresser or hutch closet to hold bed sheets, towels, off-season clothes or anything else. With few exceptions, a left is bad to inexcusable after col-

increasing the height of a bed can cure a cramped bedroom by allowing space for boxes and other bulky items. The Internet has many creative suggestions for how to lift a bed, from using cinderblocks and a piece of plywood to tutorials on making a loft bed.

I bought a storage unit from Craigslist made from an old wooden fence and cheap, round flowerpots. The girl I bought it from leased the fence against a wall and nailed the washboard to it, making a cubby system of sorts. My friends and family laugh at my storage kitchen, but it is a feature in my small cooking space.

Sucking helium in Home Depot

Steven Tyler serenades tools, other celebs

make noise in Hollywood

Smoochin’ KeShA

Now pop-

star KeSha has shown her soft spot for shy and awkward people by recently of-

fering to be Susan Boyle’s first kiss. This is not only creepy but also gross. After 47 long years, Boyle deserves the make-out ses-

sion of her life, not some pity kiss.

Where my Guides at?

The Guides and guidelines that captured the heart of America, are reportedly demanding $10,000 per each shoulder. Hatchback with a price tag of $160,000 dollars for his 30th birthday WCFP All got for my 16th birthday was an ice cream cake and $80.

Nude pics 4 sale

In some not-so-checking news of the day, nude pictures of "Jersey Shore" star Snooki Petley (a k a Nicole) are reportedly being shipped around the internet. Three photos include two topless shots and one shot from behind. Who wants to get your eys everywhere are pit pinching in anticipation of photo leaking.

Plastic chatter

Heidi Montag allegedly wants more plastic surgery after eating her original $50,000 body make-up. The initial surgical included breast implants (500 cc), face lift, nose job and for infections, among other procedures. Union ... is Heidi nuts?

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Champagne Saturday night

Local, national artists donate works for auction

The Prichard Art Gallery is currently displaying work by several national and local art-

ists in an effort to raise money for the gallery and its pro-

grams. The event takes place every other year and includes an auction.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. Feb. 6 with a dinner, during which, hors d’oeuvres and dinner, catered by Var-

tac will be served. There will be a free glass of champagne or sparkling water with every
ticket purchase. Tickets are $15 per person. The live auction starts at 7 p.m. and tickets can be purchased at the Prichard Art Gallery or the Bank People.

Ravenholme helps bring in money for future exhibits, and this year a percentage of the funds might go toward expanding the children’s ed-

ication spaces.

"We are a gallery run by students that want to bring these projects together," said Roger Bowley, director.

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The generic need is an intention. When most people think of the standard advertising model, they envision a movie trailer, video game playing ads, or images up close. What makes one person react and another person react differently? We can, of course, all recall situations where we encountered, and would rather not have encountered, ads that we have to perform. Oddly enough, this stereotype is often used, mainly because most ads need a great love of performance. These ads are called commercials. So what makes our newly discovered, music, and Daddy's Love, there is also a wealth of nearly lashim performances. Takeaway take-roles and live action role-playing are forms of acting, but don't require a stage. In a game like Dungeons and Dragons, players assume characters and act out what they would do, and they often play out an improvisational action. LARPing does interplay on a bigger scale, taking it outdoors and often in costumes, much like an actor would perform. But plays are the big leagues, and a particularly painstakingly setting would be a great stage. But just as frequently, people would go for a little more.
The Vandal's men's basketball team will head to Seattle for a nonconference game against the University of Washington at 6 Saturday night. The Redhawks are in the West Coast Conference but have beaten the Vandals before in several seasons in the West, including the Pac-10.

Seattle University beat the Oregon State Beavers earlier this year by a 51-point spread.

The Idaho State Beavers won 27 points, four of their own, and three steals. In the win against Oregon State, the Beavers proved that the Redhawks will look to win a stellar performance. Oregon State has had a win in two of its last three games, against Arizona, Arizona State and Fresno State.

Although this game against Seattle is a nonconference game, it is still important. Lack of bench and depth seemed to overcomplicate the court after six minutes for the Vandals, but the players, the emotion on the court is still in good standing. The Vandals were able to break their losing streak with a 76-62 victory over Oregon State last night.

"Stats chemistry is real good," center Marra Jefferson, a senior, said. "It's improved lately and it's the best it's been all year."

Seattle University recently lost to Washington by 47 points. The Vandals have a chance at capitalizing on the Redhawks' inconsistent basketball.

Redhawk forward Mike Bosley scored 27 points one night and only nine points the next. The Redhawks are looking to continue a winning streak into the second part of the season. The Vandals are one point away from reining energy and emotion."

"We put the losses behind us," guard Jeff Ledbetter said. "It's tough, but I can't fix what happened, but I can go out and get the next shot, though."

The State game was Jefferson's finest hour, with game-high 24 points, eight assists, three rebounds, two steals, and three blocks. "It's something to help my team," Jefferson said. "I do whatever I can."

Jefferson is consistently a hard worker on defense and should continue to step up for the Redhawks. The Redhawks are looking to be competitive against the Bulldogs, who have played well in the conference. Oregon State is led by senior guard Taddeus Pederson, who has one of the best turnarounds in the country. Pederson is a three-point specialist and a leader on the court.

The Redhawks are looking for a win at least for a loss to continue their winning streak against Washington.

The Vandals are looking for a win on the road.

**What's next?**

**Women's basketball**

**Ilya Pichok**

The Vandals came out of the tournament excited and ready to defend. The clock ended, 0:00 was finally called, and the game was declared over.

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The Vandals are now 1-1 in the WAC and continue to improve their game. Pichok's work ethic and attitude are qualities that will be needed in the upcoming games.

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**Men's basketball**

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The Vandals' Charlotte Osebi Osie past Utah State's Tyler Williams during the first half of the game. The Vandals but the game 57-55 when Williams didn't miss a single shot all night, a highlight for the team. The sophomore missed a 2-point shot in overtime, but the team was able to get the win.

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**Tough competition headed to UI**

Lisa Short
Ag giornal

After more than a month of swim-
ing and diving meets on the road, the University of Idaho swim team will host a home meet against Oregon State and WSU, Wednesday. The team has had ups and downs throughout the season and now has its sights set on the WAC championships in late February. The team is hoping to take those two tough teams before going against their major com-petition the WAC.

The Vandals hope to improve and continue to make strides in the conference. Although difficult to re-

The Vandals are 22-20 less against rival Boise State, the team un-

doer пока no progress towards season progress.

"They've worked out hard and they know how to swim well," said Newlee.

Jager said the team has faced some tough competition and even if they could have swam a little better, they are competing and getting to where they need to be.

With only Oregon State and WSU be-

to the WAC championships, the team is focusing in on their conference events.

"We're swimming team we need to swim well for WAC," Jager said.

Oregon State has a tough group of core swimmers, but if the team can take individual events well and prepare within the next month that Jager said he isn't worried about the final score.

"It's going to be nice to be home," Jager said. "Swim and against some tough teams."

Jager coaches with the idea that swimming with strong teams allows the team to see what they need to do and where they need to be to succeed. At some point, Jager said, the team should be able to compete with the more competitive teams.

"We're just going to try to knock them off here or there," Jager said.

Jager explained that during the conference, the team needs to be ready to use its home pool advantage and take each point with confidence.

During their week of practice, the Vandals ran off in the outfit and energy Jager said and it's the idea they know the work they have put in and how they got there from that fact work.

Although the team has had a tough stretch, with winter training, a few bus-

e and the ready less last week, Jager said the Vandals are ready to get back in the water where they need to be — focused.

**Ambition to bounce back**

Ilya Pitchkha
Ag giornal

The second day is still fresh from Idaho’s heartbreaking loss to Utah State Wednesday night, but the Vandals must bring it off and focus on one game at a time, which sends them on a coll-

descent course with Loui-

dectomy Saturday.

Idaho coach Kerri Newlee said the team was confident despite the setbacks, and that the squad has improved by focusing on weaknesses and correcting the course.

"Every game we are right in it and we are just taking our losses," said Newlee. "We just need to learn how to finish off games and come on right the end.

The Vandals have shown flashes of brilliance through the season, most recently in a vic-

tory over New Mexico State. With the Vandals playing well down the stretch against Utah State, Newlee said the little mistakes are killing the team’s chances.

"I’m proud of our come-

backs, but we can’t keep putting ourselves in that position and expect to come on top all the
time," Newlee said.

Newlee allotted Wednes-
day’s loss to a breakdown in
tactics, a point that will be
worked on in practice before the
game against LA Tech.

LA Tech comes into Satur-
day’s game on a two-
game losing streak after coming close but falling down the stretch to Nel-

vada, and being bounced out by undefeated Fresno State. LA Tech is tied for third place in the WAC, and to win their opponents by running up the score and complementing that with a strong physical defense.

LA Tech features three players who average more than 17 points per game and seven.

Shawnessy Feistwall, who aver-
ges an astounding 39 points per game and shoots 52 percent from the floor.

Newlee will look to get now-

corn senior Debbie Peterson back on the court for more action in the following weeks. Peterson made her debut in Vandals basketball uniform against Utah State and was effective with two points on her 10 shots and 400 sec-

ond minutes. Her tall stature and

strong inside presence will give the Vandals’ defense an edge in a game where stopping LA Tech may be the hardest thing to do.

The Vandals offense looks to continue rolling along, hop-

ing to keep their high scoring percentage the norm rather than the exception. The Vandals shoot 45 percent from the floor against Utah State, and have shot close to 50 percent in their last three games, excluding their loss to San Jose State.

The steady night-to-night performance of Rachelle Kiklo and Shanna Kusio will look to drive Idaho’s offense, with contributions from rebuilding master Yvonne Klassen, Bianca Cheever and Charoi Stone.

The Vandals will return home to face Nevada, which is ranked second in the WAC, Saturday.

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Spurs win big against Hawks, but lose Parker

Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

The San Antonio Spurs snapped a three-game losing streak by blowing out the Hawks, 108-90. Tony Parker led the Spurs with 29 points.

Ian Snook attempts a free-throw during practice in the Kibbie Dome on Thursday evening. The University of Idaho polo vaulters have opened their 2010 season with record-breaking performances.

All-Star game for stars

There has been a minor uprising of sorts about Tracy McGrady and Allen Iverson, who were both embraced by fans and teammates in the NBA. Many fans are calling for the two players to be added to the NBA All-Star Game.

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Texas beats Texas Tech

Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

Texas got some unexpected scoring from guards Justin Mason and Douglas Balbay, and the No. 6 Longhorns beat Texas Tech 95-83 on Wednesday night to avoid a three-game losing streak.

Mason scored 18 points and Balbay had 13, helping the Longhorns bounce back from losses at Kansas State and Connecticut last week that cost them the nation's top ranking.

Mason and Balbay went into the game averaging just more than seven points between them. But with defenses concentrating on stoppinginnamon James and Dexter Pittman, law, the Texas guards finally took advantage of the space given to them to know.

James had 28 points. He rebounded for the Longhorns (18-2, 4-1 Big 12) to set the Big 12 record for career double-doubles with 43.

John Roberson scored 27 points for Texas Tech (14-6, 3-1).

Texas reached No. 5 for the first time in school history before losing twice in a row last week. It took the Texas players just likely to score to provide the offensive punch the Longhorns needed to end the brief skid.

Mason was the catalyst for the Longhorns in the first half with 13 points on 6-of-8 shooting. Lightly regarded as a shooter, the senior made the most of extra room the Red Raiders were giving him for a 3-pointer, short jumpers and drives to the basket.

Balbay, a tough defender who is usually better suited to driving and passing, also found a seldom-seen shooting touch with his mid-range jumper.

Mason and Balbay combined to go 13 of 20 from the floor. They also handed out 12 of Texas' 19 assists.

Even with those two scorers, the Red Raiders built an early lead. Texas Tech made eight 3-pointers in the first half — the most Texas had allowed in a game all season — and led 47-32 when Nick Okorie hit from long range. Roberson made four 3-pointers in the half.

Texas cut the lead to 50-47 by halftime behind 3-pointers by Jordan Hamilton and Pittman's tip at the buzzer.

In the second, the Texas defense pulled out to the perimeter and the Red Raiders attempted just one 3-pointer in the first nine minutes. Mason fed Balbay for a fast-break dunk. Balbay then allowed through the lane for a layup that put Texas up 54-49 with just over 13 minutes to play.

Texas finally created some separation behind six straight points from James and a 3-pointer by Avery Bradley that put the Longhorns ahead 60-49. James took over the scoring, driving down the stretch, finding more and more space to move under the basket and grab rebounds as the game wore on. He broke the Big 12 double-doubles record he shared with former Texas All-Americans Chet Mihm (1998-2000).

Texas, one of the worst free-throwing shooting teams in the country, struggled again, hitting just 16 of 29 from the line.

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