CATO CORP Form 8-K March 18, 2004

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
450 Fifth Street NW
Washington, D.C. 29549

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):		March 16, 2004
	THE CATO CORPORA	ATION
	(Exact Name of Registrant as Specific	ried in its Charter)
Delaware	1-31340	56-0484485
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)
8100 Denmark Road, Charlotte, North Carolina		28273-5975
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)		(Zip Code)
	(704) 554-8510	
	(Registrant s telephone number, inc Not Applicable	cluding area code)
	(Former Name or Former Address, if char	anged since last report)

THE CATO CORPORATION

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Released issued March 16, 2004 Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure; and

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On March 16, 2004, The Cato Corporation issued a press release regarding its financial results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ending January 31, 2004. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein. The information being furnished in this report (including Exhibit 99.1) is not deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is not incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

	THE CATO CORPORATION
March 18, 2004	/s/ John P. Derham Cato
Date	John P. Derham Cato Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
March 18, 2004	/s/ Michael O. Moore
Date	Michael O. Moore Executive Vice President Chief Financial Officer and Secretary
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Press Release issued March 16, 2004	99.1

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