CATO CORP Form 8-K May 19, 2005

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

450 Fifth Street NW Washington, D.C. 29549

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 17, 2005

THE CATO CORPORATION

Delaware	1-31340	56-0484485
State or Other Jurisdiction	(Commission	(I.R.S. Employer
of Incorporation)	File Number)	Identification Number)
8100 Denmark Road, Char	lotte, North Carolina	28273-5975
(Address of Principal E	xecutive Offices)	(Zip Code)
	(704) 554-8510	

(Former Name or Former Address, if changed since last report)

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 17, 2005, The Cato Corporation issued a press release regarding its financial results for the first quarter ending April 30, 2005. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Released issued May 17, 2005

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

May 19, 2005 /s/ John P. Derham Cato

Date John P. Derham Cato

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

May 19, 2005 /s/ Michael O. Moore

Date Michael O. Moore

Executive Vice President

Chief Financial Officer and Secretary

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Press Release issued May 17, 2005	99.1
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