CATO CORP Form 8-K May 15, 2007

# 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): May 10, 2007

THE CATO CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware 1-31340 56-0484485

(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer of Incorporation) File Number) Identification Number)

8100 Denmark Road, Charlotte, North Carolina 28273-5975

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(704) 554-8510

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)
Not Applicable

(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 10, 2007, The Cato Corporation (the Company) issued a press release disclosing material nonpublic information regarding the Company s sales results for the four-week period ending May 5, 2007. In the Press Release the Company also updated its earnings estimate for the first quarter ending May 5, 2007.

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

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release issued May 10, 2007

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#### **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 15, 2007 /s/ John P. D. Cato

Date John P. D. Cato

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

May 15, 2007 /s/ Thomas W. Stoltz

Date Thomas W. Stoltz

Executive Vice President Chief Financial Officer

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Press Release issued on May 10, 2007	99.1