# UNITED STATES 

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q
(Mark One)
xQUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended May 5, 2007
OR
oTRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from $\qquad$ to $\qquad$ .

Commission file number 1-6140

## DILLARD'S, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

1600 CANTRELL ROAD, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201
(Address of principal executive office)
(Zip Code)
(501) 376-5200
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter time that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No o

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). (check one):

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 12-b-2). Yeso No x

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

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## PART 1. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1. Financial Statements

DILLARD'S, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)
(In Thousands)


## Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity $\$ \quad \mathbf{5 , 6 3 6 , 9 8 1} \mathbf{~ \$ ~ 5 , 4 0 8 , 0 1 5 ~ \$ ~} \mathbf{5 , 7 6 3 , 6 6 5}$

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## DILLARD'S, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS (Unaudited) (In Thousands, Except Per Share Data)

|  | Three Months Ended |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { May 5, } \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { April } 29, \\ 2006 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Net sales | \$ | 1,762,954 | \$ | 1,835,309 |
| Service charges and other income |  | 36,500 |  | 41,439 |
|  |  | 1,799,454 |  | 1,876,748 |
| Cost of sales |  | 1,126,091 |  | 1,179,437 |
| Advertising, selling, administrative and general expenses |  | 499,375 |  | 494,610 |
| Depreciation and amortization |  | 74,932 |  | 73,390 |
| Rentals |  | 13,198 |  | 11,591 |
| Interest and debt expense, net |  | 20,736 |  | 23,610 |
| Gain on sales of assets |  | -- |  | $(1,499)$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Income before income taxes and equity in earnings of joint ventures |  | 65,122 |  | 95,609 |
| Income Taxes |  | 25,390 |  | 35,065 |
| Equity in earnings of joint ventures |  | 3,192 |  | 775 |
| Net Income |  | 42,924 |  | 61,319 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Retained Earnings at Beginning of Period |  | 2,647,388 |  | 2,414,491 |
| Cash Dividends Declared |  | $(3,210)$ |  | $(3,175)$ |
| Cumulative effect of accounting change related to adoption of FIN 48 |  | (803) |  | -- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Retained Earnings at End of Period | \$ | 2,686,299 | \$ | 2,472,635 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Earnings Per Share: |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | \$ | 0.54 | \$ | 0.77 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Diluted | \$ | 0.53 | \$ | 0.77 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash Dividends Declared Per Common Share | \$ | 0.04 | \$ | 0.04 |

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# DILLARD'S, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited) (In Thousands) 

|  | Three Months Ended |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { May 5, } \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { April 29, } \\ 2006 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Operating Activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Net income | \$ | 42,924 | \$ | 61,319 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization of property and deferred financing |  | 75,410 |  | 74,169 |
| Share-based compensation |  | 31 |  | 532 |
| Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation |  | (433) |  | (35) |
| Gain on sale of property and equipment |  | -- |  | $(1,499)$ |
| Loss on disposal of property and equipment |  | 16 |  | -- |
| Asset impairment and store closing charges |  | 688 |  | -- |
| Gain from hurricane insurance proceeds |  | $(4,072)$ |  | -- |
| Proceeds from hurricane insurance |  | 5,881 |  | -- |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: |  |  |  |  |
| Decrease in accounts receivable |  | 576 |  | 1,032 |
| Increase in merchandise inventories and other current assets |  | $(253,210)$ |  | $(255,396)$ |
| Increase in other assets |  | $(3,235)$ |  | $(2,872)$ |
| Increase in trade accounts payable and accrued expenses, other liabilities and income taxes |  | 172,472 |  | 201,360 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Net cash provided by operating activities |  | 37,048 |  | 78,610 |
| Investing Activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Purchases of property and equipment |  | $(109,106)$ |  | $(76,888)$ |
| Proceeds from hurricane insurance |  | 16,101 |  | 4,585 |
| Proceeds from sale of property and equipment |  | -- |  | 1,545 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Net cash used in investing activities |  | $(93,005)$ |  | $(70,758)$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Financing Activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Principal payments on long-term debt and capital lease obligations |  | $(1,501)$ |  | $(1,611)$ |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock |  | 4,606 |  | 2,068 |
| Payment of line of credit fees and expenses |  | (450) |  | -- |
| Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation |  | 433 |  | 35 |
| Cash dividends paid |  | $(3,210)$ |  | $(3,175)$ |
| Purchase of treasury stock |  | -- |  | $(3,332)$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Net cash used in financing activities |  | (122) |  | $(6,015)$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| (Decrease) Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents |  | $(56,079)$ |  | 1,837 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Period |  | 193,994 |  | 299,840 |


| Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Period | $\$$ | $\mathbf{1 3 7 , 9 1 5}$ | $\$$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Non-cash transactions: |  |  |  |
| 301,677 |  |  |  |
| Cumulative adjustment to retained earnings for adoption of FIN 48 | $\$$ | 2,635 | $\$$ |

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# DILLARD'S, INC. NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) 

## Note 1.

## Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Dillard's, Inc. (the "Company") have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X, each as promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the three months ended May 5, 2007 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the fiscal year ending February 2, 2008 due to the seasonal nature of the business. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 3, 2007 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 4, 2007.

Reclassifications - The following reclasses were made to the prior period's condensed consolidated statement of income to conform to the 2007 presentation: (1) leased department income of $\$ 2.1$ million for the quarter ended April 29,2006 was reclassed from net sales to service charges and other income, (2) gain on sales of assets was reclassed from service charges and other income to its own line item and (3) equity in earnings of joint ventures was reclassed from service charges and other income to its own line item below income taxes.

Note 2.

## Stock-Based Compensation

The Company has various stock option plans that provide for the granting of options to purchase shares of Class A Common Stock to certain key employees of the Company. Exercise and vesting terms for options granted under the plans are determined at each grant date. There were no stock options granted during the three months ended May 5, 2007 and the three months ended April 29, 2006, respectively.

Stock option transactions for the three months ended May 5, 2007 are summarized as follows:

|  |  | Weighted <br> Average <br> Exercise |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Price |  |  |

The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding at May 5, 2007:

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| Options OutstandingWeighted-Average |  |  |  | Options Exercisable |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Range of | Remaining |  |  |  | Weighted-Average |  |
| Exercise | Options | ContractuaNei | eighted-Average | Options |  |  |
| Prices | Outstanding | Life (Yrs.) | Exercise Price | Exercisable |  | Price |
| \$24.01 - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$24.73 | 149,667 | 1.86 \$ | \$ 24.35 | 109,667 | \$ | 24.47 |
| \$25.74 - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$25.74 | 3,980,000 | 8.72 | 25.74 | 3,980,000 |  | 25.74 |
| \$25.95 - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$30.47 | 1,640,327 | 2.21 | 26.52 | 1,640,327 |  | 26.52 |
|  | 5,769,994 | 6.69 \$ | \$ 25.93 | 5,729,994 | \$ | 25.94 |

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The intrinsic value of outstanding stock options at May 5, 2007 was $\$ 41.9$ million. At May 5, 2007, the intrinsic value of exercisable options was $\$ 41.6$ million. The intrinsic value of stock options exercised during the three months ended May 5, 2007 was $\$ 1.3$ million.

## Note 3.

## Reserve for Store Closing Charges

Following is a summary of the activity in the reserve established for store closing charges for the three months ended May 5, 2007:

|  | Balance, <br> Beginning of <br> Quarter | Charges |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash Payments |  |  |  |  |  |  | | Balance, End of |
| :---: |
| Quarter |

Reserve amounts are included in trade accounts payable and accrued expenses and other liabilities.

## Note 4.

## Earnings Per Share Data

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share ("EPS") for the periods indicated (in thousands, except per share data).

| Three Months Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| May 5, | April 29, |
| 2007 | 2006 |

## Basic:

| Net income | $\$$ | 42,924 | $\$$ | 61,319 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Weighted average shares of common <br> stock outstanding |  | 80,197 |  | 79,327 |
| Basic earnings per share | $\$$ | 0.54 | $\$$ | 0.77 |

Three Months Ended

$$
\text { May 5, } \quad \text { April 29, }
$$

$$
2007 \quad 2006
$$

Diluted:

| Net income | $\$$ | 42,924 | $\$$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Weighted average shares of common <br> stock outstanding | 80,319 |  |  |
| Stock options | 1,360 |  |  |
| Total weighted average equivalent <br> shares | 81,557 | 79,327 |  |
|  |  | 79,382 |  |


| Diluted earnings per share | $\$$ | 0.53 | $\$$ | 0.77 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Total stock options outstanding were 5,769,994 and 7,491,943 at May 5, 2007 and April 29, 2006, respectively. Of these, options to purchase $6,550,876$ shares of Class A common stock at prices ranging from $\$ 25.74$ to $\$ 29.99$ per
share were outstanding at April 29, 2006 but were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because they would be antidilutive. No options outstanding were excluded in the computation of diluted earnings per share for the quarter ended May 5, 2007 as none were antidilutive.

## Note 5. Comprehensive Income and Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

Accumulated other comprehensive loss only consists of the minimum pension liability, which is calculated annually in the fourth quarter. The following table shows the computation of comprehensive income (in thousands):

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|  | Three Months Ended |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } 5, \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { April } 29, \\ 2006 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Net income | \$ | 42,924 | \$ | 61,319 |
| Other comprehensive loss: |  |  |  |  |
| Minimum pension liability adjustment, net of taxes |  | - |  | - |
| Amortization of minimum pension |  |  |  |  |
| liability adjustment, net of taxes |  | 393 |  | - |
| Total comprehensive income | \$ | 43,317 | \$ | 61,319 |

## Note 6.

## Commitments and Contingencies

On July 29, 2002, a Class Action Complaint (followed on December 13, 2004 by a Second Amended Class Action Complaint) was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio against the Company, the Mercantile Stores Pension Plan (the "Plan") and the Mercantile Stores Pension Committee (the "Committee") on behalf of a putative class of former Plan participants. The complaint alleged that certain actions by the Plan and the Committee violated the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), as a result of amendments made to the Plan that allegedly were either improper and/or ineffective and as a result of certain payments made to certain beneficiaries of the Plan that allegedly were improperly calculated and/or discriminatory on account of age. The Second Amended Complaint did not specify any liquidated amount of damages sought and sought recalculation of certain benefits paid to putative class members.

During the year ended February 3, 2007, the Company signed a memorandum of understanding and accrued $\$ 35.0$ million to settle the case. The settlement became final in early April 2007. The litigation continues between the Company and the Plan's actuarial firm over the Company's cross claim against the actuarial firm seeking reimbursement for the settlement and additional damages.

Various legal proceedings in the form of lawsuits and claims, which occur in the normal course of business, are pending against the Company and its subsidiaries. In the opinion of management, disposition of these matters is not expected to materially affect the Company's financial position, cash flows or results of operations.

At May 5, 2007, letters of credit totaling $\$ 72.3$ million were issued under the Company's $\$ 1.2$ billion line of credit facility.

## Note 7.

## Benefit Plans

The Company has a nonqualified defined benefit plan for certain officers. The plan is noncontributory and provides benefits based on years of service and compensation during employment. Pension expense is determined using various actuarial cost methods to estimate the total benefits ultimately payable to officers and allocates this cost to service periods. The pension plan is unfunded. The actuarial assumptions used to calculate pension costs are reviewed annually. The Company made contributions of $\$ 0.9$ million during the quarter ended May 5, 2007. The Company expects to make a contribution to the pension plan of approximately $\$ 3.1$ million for the remainder of fiscal 2007.

The components of net periodic benefit costs are as follows (in thousands):
Three Months Ended
May 5, 2007 April 29, 2006

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Components of net periodic benefit costs:

| Service cost | $\$$ | 517 | $\$$ | 545 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Interest cost |  | 1,500 |  | 1,349 |
| Net actuarial gain | 518 | 504 |  |  |
| Amortization of prior service cost |  | 157 |  | 157 |
| Net periodic benefit costs | $\$$ | 2,692 | $\$$ | 2,555 |

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Note 8.

## Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities - Including an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 115 ("SFAS 159"). This statement permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. SFAS 159 is effective at the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year that begins after November 15, 2007. We expect that the adoption of SFAS 159 will not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ("SFAS 157"). SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosure about such fair value measurements. SFAS 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. We expect that the adoption of SFAS 157 will not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

## Note 9.

## Revolving Credit Agreement

At May 5, 2007, the Company maintained a $\$ 1.2$ billion revolving credit facility ("credit agreement") with JPMorgan Chase Bank ("JPMorgan") as agent for various banks. During the quarter ended May 5, 2007, the Company extended the credit agreement's expiration date by one year. The credit agreement now expires December 12, 2012. Borrowings under the credit agreement accrue interest at either JPMorgan's Base Rate minus $0.5 \%$ or LIBOR plus $1.0 \%$ (currently $6.32 \%$ ) subject to certain availability thresholds as defined in the credit agreement. Availability for borrowings and letter of credit obligations under the credit agreement is limited to $85 \%$ of the inventory of certain Company subsidiaries (approximately $\$ 1.2$ billion at May 5, 2007). At May 5, 2007, letters of credit totaling $\$ 72.3$ million were issued under this credit agreement leaving unutilized availability under the facility of $\$ 1.1$ billion. There are no financial covenant requirements under the credit agreement provided availability exceeds $\$ 100$ million. The Company pays an annual commitment fee to the banks of $0.25 \%$ of the committed amount less outstanding borrowings and letters of credit. The Company had no outstanding borrowings as of May 5, 2007 other than the utilization for unfunded letters of credit.

## Note 10.

## Share Repurchase Program

During the three months ended May 5, 2007, no shares were repurchased under the Company's 2005 stock repurchase program ("2005 plan") which was approved by the Board of Directors in May 2005 and authorized the repurchase of up to $\$ 200$ million of the Company's Class A Common Stock.

During the three months ended April 29, 2006, the Company repurchased approximately 133,500 shares of Class A Common Stock for $\$ 3.3$ million under the 2005 plan. Approximately $\$ 111.9$ million in share repurchase authorization remained under this open-ended plan at May 5, 2007.

## Note 11.

## Income Taxes

The Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes-an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 ("FIN 48") effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. The Company adopted the new requirement as of February 4, 2007 with the cumulative effects recorded as an adjustment to retained earnings as of the beginning of the period. The Company classifies interest and penalties relating to income tax in the financial statements as income tax expense. The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits as of the date of adoption was $\$ 27.6$ million of which $\$ 17.8$ million would, if recognized, affect the effective tax rate. The total amount of accrued interest and penalty as of the date of adoption was $\$ 13.7$ million.

The Company is currently being examined by the Internal Revenue Service for the fiscal tax years 2003 through 2005. The Company is also under examination by various state and local taxing jurisdictions for various fiscal years. The tax years that remain subject to examination for major tax jurisdictions are fiscal tax years 2003 and forward, with the exception of fiscal 1997 through 2002 amended state and local tax returns related to the reporting of federal audit adjustments. With the exception of amounts that are under examination by income tax authorities, for which an estimate cannot be made due to uncertainties, the Company does not believe it is reasonably possible that its unrecognized tax benefits will significantly change within the next twelve months.

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The federal and state income tax rates were approximately $37.2 \%$ and $36.4 \%$ for the three months ended May 5, 2007 and April 29, 2006, including the impact of changes in FIN 48 liabilities and tax contingency estimates, respectively.

## Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

## EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

Dillard's, Inc. (the "Company", "we", "us" or "our") operates 328 retail department stores in 29 states. Our stores are located suburban shopping malls and open-air lifestyle centers and offer a broad selection of fashion apparel and home furnishings. We offer an appealing and attractive assortment of merchandise to our customers at a fair price. We seek to enhance our income by maximizing the sale of this merchandise to our customers. We do this by promoting and advertising our merchandise and by making our stores an attractive and convenient place for our customers to shop.

Fundamentally, our business model is to offer the customer a compelling price/value relationship through the combination of high quality, fashionable products and services at a competitive price. The Company seeks to deliver a high level of profitability and cash flow.

## 2007 Guidance

A summary of guidance on key financial measures for 2007, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"), is shown below. See "forward-looking information" below.

| (in millions of dollars) | 2007 <br> Estimated | 2006 <br> Actual* |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Depreciation and amortization | $\$$ | 305 | $\$$ |
| Rental expense | 57 | 301 |  |
| Interest and debt expense, net | 85 | 55 |  |
| Capital expenditures | 360 | 88 |  |
| $* 53$ weeks |  | 321 |  |

## General

Net sales. Net sales include sales of comparable and non-comparable stores. Comparable store sales include sales for those stores which were in operation for a full period in both the current month and the corresponding month for the prior year. Non-comparable store sales include sales in the current fiscal year from stores opened during the previous fiscal year before they are considered comparable stores, sales from new stores opened in the current fiscal year and sales in the previous fiscal year for stores that were closed in the current fiscal year.

Service charges and other income. Service charges and other income include income generated through the long-term marketing and servicing alliance between the Company and GE Consumer Finance ("GE"). Other income relates to rental income, shipping and handling fees and net lease income on leased departments.

Cost of sales. Cost of sales includes the cost of merchandise sold (net of purchase discounts), bankcard fees, freight to the distribution centers, employee and promotional discounts, non-specific vendor allowances and direct payroll for salon personnel.

Advertising, selling, administrative and general expenses. Advertising, selling, administrative and general expenses include buying, occupancy, selling, distribution, warehousing, store and corporate expenses (including

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payroll and employee benefits), insurance, employment taxes, advertising, management information systems, legal, and other corporate level expenses. Buying expenses consist of payroll, employee benefits and travel for design, buying and merchandising personnel.

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Depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization expenses include depreciation and amortization on property and equipment.

Rentals. Rentals include expenses for store leases and data processing and equipment rentals.
Interest and debt expense, net. Interest and debt expense includes interest, net of interest income, relating to the Company's unsecured notes, mortgage notes, the guaranteed beneficial interests in the Company's subordinated debentures, gains and losses on note repurchases, amortization of financing costs, call premiums and interest on capital lease obligations.

Asset impairment and store closing charges. Asset impairment and store closing charges consist of write downs to fair value of under-performing properties and exit costs associated with the closure of certain stores. Exit costs include future rent, taxes and common area maintenance expenses from the time the stores are closed.

Equity in earnings of joint ventures. Equity in earnings of joint ventures includes the Company's portion of the income or loss of the Company's unconsolidated joint ventures.

## Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The Company's accounting policies are more fully described in Note 1 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 3, 2007. As disclosed in this note, the preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions about future events that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Since future events and their effects cannot be determined with absolute certainty, actual results will differ from those estimates. The Company evaluates its estimates and judgments on an ongoing basis and predicates those estimates and judgments on historical experience and on various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results will differ from these under different assumptions or conditions.

Management of the Company believes the following critical accounting policies, among others, affect its more significant judgments and estimates used in preparation of the condensed consolidated financial statements.

Merchandise inventory. Approximately $98 \%$ of the inventories are valued at lower of cost or market using the retail last-in, first-out ("LIFO") inventory method. Under the retail inventory method ("RIM"), the valuation of inventories at cost and the resulting gross margins are calculated by applying a calculated cost to retail ratio to the retail value of inventories. RIM is an averaging method that is widely used in the retail industry due to its practicality. Additionally, it is recognized that the use of RIM will result in valuing inventories at the lower of cost or market if markdowns are currently taken as a reduction of the retail value of inventories. Inherent in the RIM calculation are certain significant management judgments including, among others, merchandise markon, markups, and markdowns, which significantly impact the ending inventory valuation at cost as well as the resulting gross margins. Management believes that the Company's RIM provides an inventory valuation which results in a carrying value at the lower of cost or market. The remaining $2 \%$ of the inventories are valued at lower of cost or market using the specific identified cost method.

Revenue recognition. The Company recognizes revenue upon the sale of merchandise to its customers, net of anticipated returns. The provision for sales returns is based on historical evidence of our return rate. We recorded an allowance for sales returns of $\$ 8.0$ million and $\$ 9.5$ million for the quarters ended May 5, 2007 and April 29, 2006, respectively. Adjustments to earnings resulting from revisions to estimates on our sales return provision has been insignificant for the quarters ended May 5, 2007 and April 29, 2006.

The Company's share of income earned under the long-term marketing and servicing alliance with GE is included as a component of service charges and other income. The Company received income of approximately $\$ 27.8$ million and $\$ 31.8$ million from GE during the quarters ended May 5, 2007 and April 29, 2006, respectively. Further pursuant to this agreement, the Company has no continuing involvement other than to honor the GE credit cards in its stores. Although not obligated to a specific level of marketing commitment, the Company participates in the marketing of the GE credit cards and accepts payments on the GE credit cards in its stores as a convenience to customers who prefer to pay in person rather than by mailing their payments to GE.

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Merchandise vendor allowances. The Company receives concessions from its merchandise vendors through a variety of programs and arrangements, including cooperative advertising, payroll reimbursements and margin maintenance programs.

Cooperative advertising allowances are reported as a reduction of advertising expense in the period in which the advertising occurred. If vendor advertising allowances were substantially reduced or eliminated, the Company would likely consider other methods of advertising as well as the volume and frequency of our product advertising, which could increase or decrease our expenditures. Similarly, we are not able to assess the impact of vendor advertising allowances on creating additional revenue as such allowances do not directly generate revenue for our stores.

Payroll reimbursements are reported as a reduction of payroll expense in the period in which the reimbursement occurred. All other merchandise vendor allowances are recognized as a reduction of cost purchases when received. Accordingly, a reduction or increase in vendor concessions has an inverse impact on cost of sales and/or selling and administrative expenses. The amounts recognized as a reduction in cost of sales have not varied significantly for the quarters ended May 5, 2007 and April 29, 2006.

Insurance accruals. The Company's condensed consolidated balance sheets include liabilities with respect to self-insured workers' compensation (with a self-insured retention of $\$ 4$ million per claim) and general liability (with a self-insured retention of $\$ 1$ million per claim) claims. The Company estimates the required liability of such claims, utilizing an actuarial method, based upon various assumptions, which include, but are not limited to, our historical loss experience, projected loss development factors, actual payroll and other data. The required liability is also subject to adjustment in the future based upon the changes in claims experience, including changes in the number of incidents (frequency) and changes in the ultimate cost per incident (severity). As of May 5, 2007 and April 29, 2006, insurance accruals of $\$ 55.4$ million and $\$ 51.1$ million, respectively, were recorded in trade accounts payable and accrued expenses and other liabilities. Adjustments to earnings resulting from changes in historical loss trends have been insignificant for the quarters ended May 5, 2007 and April 29, 2006.

Finite-lived assets. The Company's judgment regarding the existence of impairment indicators is based on market and operational performance. We assess the impairment of long-lived assets, primarily fixed assets, annually and whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. Factors we consider important which could trigger an impairment review include the following:

Significant changes in the manner of our use of assets or the strategy for the overall business;
Significant negative industry or economic trends; or
Store closings.
The Company performs an analysis annually as of the last day of the fourth quarter of the anticipated undiscounted future net cash flows of the related finite-lived assets. If the carrying value of the related asset exceeds the undiscounted cash flows, the carrying value is reduced to its fair value. Various factors including future sales growth and profit margins are included in this analysis. To the extent these future projections or the Company's strategies change, the conclusion regarding impairment may differ from the current estimates.

Goodwill. The Company evaluates goodwill annually as of the last day of the fourth quarter and whenever events and changes in circumstances suggest that the carrying amount may not be recoverable from its estimated future cash flows. To the extent these future projections or our strategies change, the conclusion regarding impairment may differ from the current estimates.

Estimates of fair value are primarily determined using projected discounted cash flows and are based on our best estimate of future revenue and operating costs and general market conditions. These estimates are subject to review
and approval by senior management. This approach uses significant assumptions, including projected future cash flows, the discount rate reflecting the risk inherent in future cash flows and a terminal growth rate.

Income taxes. Temporary differences arising from differing treatment of income and expense items for tax and financial reporting purposes result in deferred tax assets and liabilities that are recorded on the balance sheet. These balances, as well as income tax expense, are determined through management's estimations, interpretation of tax law for multiple jurisdictions and tax planning. If the Company's actual results differ from estimated results due to changes in tax laws, new store locations or tax planning, the Company's effective tax rate and tax balances could be affected. As such these estimates may require adjustment in the future as additional facts become known or as circumstances change.

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The Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes-an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 ("FIN 48") effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. The Company adopted the new requirement as of February 4, 2007 with the cumulative effects recorded as an adjustment to retained earnings as of the beginning of the period. The Company classifies interest and penalties relating to income tax in the financial statements as income tax expense. The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits as of the date of adoption was $\$ 27.6$ million of which $\$ 17.8$ million would, if recognized, affect the effective tax rate. The total amount of accrued interest and penalty as of the date of adoption was $\$ 13.7$ million.

The Company is currently being examined by the Internal Revenue Service for the fiscal tax years 2003 through 2005. The Company is also under examination by various state and local taxing jurisdictions for various fiscal years. The tax years that remain subject to examination for major tax jurisdictions are fiscal tax years 2003 and forward, with the exception of fiscal 1997 through 2002 amended state and local tax returns related to the reporting of federal audit adjustments. With the exception of amounts that are under examination by income tax authorities, for which an estimate cannot be made due to uncertainties, the Company does not believe it is reasonably possible that its unrecognized tax benefits will significantly change within the next twelve months.

Discount rate. The discount rate that the Company utilizes for determining future pension obligations is based on the Citigroup High Grade Corporate Yield Curve on its annual measurement date and is matched to the future expected cash flows of the benefit plans by annual periods. The discount rate had increased to $5.90 \%$ as of February 3, 2007 from $5.60 \%$ as of January 28, 2006. We believe that these assumptions have been appropriate and that, based on these assumptions, the pension liability of $\$ 105$ million was appropriately stated as of February 3, 2007; however, actual results may differ materially from those estimated and could have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements. A further 50 basis point change in the discount rate would generate an experience gain or loss of approximately $\$ 6.3$ million.

## Seasonality and Inflation

Our business, like many other retailers, is subject to seasonal influences, with the major portion of sales and income typically realized during the last quarter of each fiscal year due to the holiday season. Because of the seasonality of our business, results from any quarter are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be achieved for a full fiscal year.

We do not believe that inflation has had a material effect on our results during the periods presented; however, there can be no assurance that our business will not be affected by such factors in the future.

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## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following table sets forth the results of operations, expressed as a percentage of net sales, for the periods indicated.

|  | Three Months Ended <br> May 5, <br> 2007 |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| April 29, |  |  |
| 2006 |  |  |,

## Net Sales

The percent change by category in the Company's sales for the three months ended May 5, 2007 compared to the three months ended April 29, 2006 is as follows:

|  | \% Change <br> $07-06$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Cosmetics | $-2.0 \%$ |
| Ladies' apparel and accessories | $-3.0 \%$ |
| Juniors' and children's apparel | $-9.0 \%$ |
| Men's apparel and accessories | $-6.7 \%$ |
| Shoes | $0.8 \%$ |
| Home and other | $-8.5 \%$ |

The percent change by region in the Company's total sales for the three months ended May 5, 2007 compared to the three months ended April 29, 2006 is as follows:
\% Change
07-06
Eastern -3.2\%

| Central | $-5.1 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Western | $-2.5 \%$ |

Net sales decreased $4 \%$ on a total basis and $5 \%$ on a comparable store basis for the three months ended May 5, 2007 compared to the three months ended April 29, 2006. Net sales of shoes significantly outperformed the average company performance trend for the period while sales of junior's and children's apparel declined significantly more than trend during the period.

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During the three months ended May 5, 2007, sales were strongest in the Company's Western region, where performance exceeded the Company's total trend for the period. Net sales were slightly above trend in the Eastern region and slightly below trend in the Central region.

## Service Charges and Other Income

(in millions of dollars)

|  | Three Months Ended |  |  |  | Dollar <br> Change |  | Percent Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Leased department income | \$ | 2.6 | \$ | 2.1 | \$ | 0.5 | 23.8\% |
| Income from GE marketing and servicing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| alliance |  | 27.8 |  | 31.8 |  | (4.0) | (12.6) |
| Other |  | 6.1 |  | 7.5 |  | (1.4) | (18.7) |
| Total | \$ | 36.5 | \$ | 41.4 | \$ | (4.9) | (11.8)\% |

Service charges and other income for the quarter ended May 5, 2007 decreased to $\$ 36.5$ million or $2.1 \%$ of net sales compared to $\$ 41.4$ million or $2.3 \%$ of net sales for the three months ended April 29, 2006. This change was primarily a result of a $\$ 4.0$ million decrease in the income from the marketing and servicing alliance with GE compared to the prior year.

## Cost of Sales

Cost of sales decreased to $63.9 \%$ of net sales during the first quarter of 2007 compared with $64.3 \%$ for the first quarter of 2006 resulting in gross margin improvement of 40 basis points of sales. The improvement was primarily driven by a $\$ 4.1$ million hurricane recovery gain related to recovery of merchandise losses incurred during the fall 2005 hurricane season and decreased markdowns in comparison to the first quarter of 2006. Gross margins improved during the first quarter of 2007 compared to the same period in the prior year in men's apparel and accessories, ladies' apparel and accessories and juniors' and children's apparel. Gross margins declined slightly in cosmetics while shoes and home and other categories experienced more significant declines.

Inventory declined $1 \%$ as of May 5, 2007 compared to April 29, 2006 on both total and comparable store bases.

## Advertising, Selling, Administrative and General Expenses

Advertising, selling, administrative and general expenses ("SG\&A expenses") for the quarter ended May 5, 2007 increased $\$ 4.8$ million to $28.3 \%$ of net sales from $27.0 \%$ of net sales during the quarter ended April 29, 2006. The change in SG\&A was driven by increases of services purchased ( $\$ 4.7$ million) and payroll ( $\$ 3.2$ million) partially offset by a decrease in advertising expenses ( $\$ 3.6$ million).

## Depreciation and Amortization Expense

Depreciation and amortization expense increased $\$ 1.5$ million to $4.3 \%$ of net sales during the three months ended May 5,2007 compared to $4.0 \%$ of net sales during the similar period of fiscal 2006. The increased depreciation and amortization expense is primarily due to Dillard's continued improvements to its stores as well as the addition of new stores.

## Rentals

Rentals were $0.7 \%$ and $0.6 \%$ of sales for the three months ended May 5, 2007 and April 29, 2006, respectively. Rentals increased $\$ 1.6$ million to $\$ 13.2$ million for the three months ended May 5, 2007 compared to $\$ 11.6$ million for the three months ended April 29, 2006. The increase in rentals is mainly due to an increase in leased equipment.

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## Interest and Debt Expense, Net

Interest and debt expense for the three months ended May 5, 2007 decreased to $\$ 20.7$ million or $1.2 \%$ of net sales compared to $\$ 23.6$ million or $1.3 \%$ of net sales for the three months ended April 29, 2006. Average debt outstanding declined approximately $\$ 200$ million during the first quarter of fiscal 2007 compared to the same period in fiscal 2006. The debt reduction was due to normal maturities and repurchases of various outstanding notes occurring principally during the last nine months of fiscal 2006.

## Income Taxes

The federal and state income tax rates were approximately $37.2 \%$ and $36.4 \%$ for the three months ended May 5, 2007 and April 29, 2006, including the impact of changes in FIN 48 liabilities and tax contingency estimates, respectively.

Our income tax rate for the remainder of fiscal 2007 is dependent upon results of operations and may change if the results for fiscal 2007 are different from current expectations. We currently estimate that our effective rate for the remainder of fiscal 2007 will approximate $36.7 \%$.

## FINANCIAL CONDITION

## Financial Position Summary

| (in thousands of dollars) | May 5, 2007 | February 3, 2007 | \$ Change | \% Change |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Cash and cash equivalents | $\$ 07,915$ | $\$$ | 193,994 | $(56,079)$ | $(28.9)$ |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 196,399 | 100,635 | 95,764 | 95.2 |  |
| Long-term debt | 860,693 | 956,611 | $(95,918)$ | $(10.0)$ |  |
| Guaranteed beneficial interests | 200,000 | 200,000 | - | - |  |
| Stockholders' equity | $2,631,327$ | $2,586,953$ | 44,374 | 1.7 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current ratio | $1.75 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| Debt to capitalization | $32.3 \%$ | $3.10 \%$ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | $32.7 \%$ |  |  |


| (in thousands of dollars) | May 5, 2007 | April 29, 2006 | \$ Change | \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Cash and cash equivalents | $\$ 0137,915$ | $\$$ | 301,677 | $(163,762)$ |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 196,399 | 198,465 | $(2,066)$ | $(1.0)$ |
| Long-term debt | 860,693 | $1,058,819$ | $(198,126)$ | $(18.7)$ |
| Guaranteed beneficial interests | 200,000 | 200,000 | - | - |
| Stockholders' equity | $2,631,327$ | $2,397,988$ | 233,339 | 9.7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Current ratio | $1.75 \%$ | $1.79 \%$ |  |  |
| Debt to capitalization | $32.3 \%$ | $37.8 \%$ |  |  |

Net cash flows from operations of $\$ 37.0$ million for the three months ended May 5, 2007 were adequate to fund the Company's operations for the period. Cash flows from operations decreased by $\$ 41.6$ million from 2006 levels largely due to a decrease in net income of $\$ 18.4$ million and a decrease of $\$ 28.9$ million related to trade accounts payable and accrued expenses, other liabilities and income taxes compared with the prior year. These decreases were partially offset by insurance proceeds received during the current year of $\$ 5.9$ million related to reimbursement for inventory damages incurred during the 2005 hurricane season; a gain of $\$ 4.1$ million was recognized in conjunction with the receipt of these proceeds.

The Company entered into a long-term marketing and servicing alliance with GE Consumer Finance ("GE") following the sale of the Company's assets of its private label credit card business in 2004. The alliance provides for certain payments to be made by GE to the Company, including revenue sharing and marketing reimbursements. The cash flows that the Company receives under this alliance have been greater than the net cash flows provided by the Company's credit business prior to its sale to GE due to quicker cash receipts. The Company received income of approximately $\$ 27.8$ million and $\$ 31.8$ million from GE during the quarters ended May 5, 2007 and April 29, 2006, respectively. While the Company does not expect future cash flows under this alliance to vary significantly from historical levels, future amounts are difficult to predict. The amount the Company receives is dependent on the level of sales on GE accounts, the level of balances carried on the GE accounts by GE customers, payment rates on GE accounts, finance charge rates and other fees on GE accounts, the level of credit losses for the GE accounts as well as GE's funding costs.

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Capital expenditures were $\$ 109.1$ million and $\$ 76.9$ million for the three months ended May 5, 2007 and April 29, 2006, respectively. These expenditures consist primarily of the construction of new stores, remodeling of existing stores and investments in technology. During the quarter ended May 5, 2007, the Company opened a new location at Eastland Mall in Evansville, Indiana and one replacement store at Stones River Mall in Murfreesboro, Tennessee; these two stores totaled approximately 215,000 square feet net of replaced square footage. Also during the quarter, the Company closed one 156,000 square foot location in Louisville, Kentucky and announced the closure of a 158,000 square foot location in Elyria, Ohio which is expected to close during the second quarter of 2007.

Capital expenditures for fiscal 2007 are expected to be approximately $\$ 360$ million compared to actual expenditures of $\$ 321$ million during fiscal 2006. The Company plans to open seven additional locations totaling 1.0 million square feet and expand four locations totaling 130,000 square feet net of replaced square footage. Historically, the Company has financed such capital expenditures with cash flow from operations. The Company believes that it will continue to finance capital expenditures in this manner during fiscal 2007.

Insurance proceeds of $\$ 16.1$ million were received during the quarter ended May 5, 2007 in settlement with our insurance carriers over property damages incurred during the 2005 hurricane season. These proceeds will be used for future capital expenditures to repair and reconstruct damaged stores.

Cash used in financing activities for the three months ended May 5, 2007 totaled $\$ 0.1$ million compared to cash used of $\$ 6.0$ million for the three months ended April 29, 2006. Cash flow increased chiefly because no treasury stock was repurchased during the first quarter of 2007 compared to a repurchase of approximately 133,500 shares of Class A common stock for $\$ 3.3$ million under the Company's existing share repurchase program. Proceeds of $\$ 4.6$ million from the issuance of common stock were also received during the first quarter of 2007 primarily related to the exercise of stock options, an increase of $\$ 2.5$ million from the same quarter of the prior year.

The Company had cash on hand of $\$ 138$ million as of May 5, 2007. During fiscal 2007, the Company expects to finance its capital expenditures and its working capital requirements including required debt repayments and stock repurchases, if any, from cash on hand and cash flows generated from operations. As part of its overall liquidity management strategy and for peak working capital requirements, the Company has a $\$ 1.2$ billion credit facility. The Company expects peak funding requirements of approximately $\$ 275$ million during fiscal 2007. At May 5, 2007, letters of credit totaling $\$ 72.3$ million were issued under the credit agreement. Availability for borrowings and letter of credit obligations under the credit agreement is limited to $85 \%$ of the inventory of certain Company subsidiaries (approximately $\$ 1.2$ billion at May 5, 2007) leaving unutilized availability under the facility of $\$ 1.1$ billion. Depending on conditions in the capital markets and other factors, the Company will from time to time consider possible financing transactions, the proceeds of which could be used to refinance current indebtedness or other corporate purposes. The Company had no outstanding borrowings under the facility as of May 5, 2007 other than the utilization for unfunded letters of credit.

There have been no material changes in the information set forth under caption "Contractual Obligations and Commercial Commitments" in Item 7, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 3, 2007.

## Hurricane Update

One store remains closed as a result of Hurricane Katrina. This store is located in Biloxi, Mississippi and is expected to re-open in early fiscal 2008.

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The Company has 95 stores along the Gulf and Atlantic coasts that are not covered by third party insurance but are self-insured for property and merchandise losses related to "named storms" in fiscal 2007. Therefore, repair and replacement costs will be borne by the Company for damage to any of these stores from "named storms" in fiscal 2007. The Company has created early response teams to assess and coordinate clean up efforts should some stores be impacted by storms. The Company has also redesigned certain store features to lessen the impact of storms and has equipment available to assist in the efforts to ready the stores for normal operations.

## OFF-BALANCE-SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

The Company does not have any arrangements or relationships with entities that are not consolidated into the financial statements that are reasonably likely to materially affect the Company's liquidity or the availability of capital resources.

## NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities - Including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115 ("SFAS 159"). This statement permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. SFAS 159 is effective at the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year that begins after November 15, 2007. We expect that the adoption of SFAS 159 will not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ("SFAS 157"). SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosure about such fair value measurements. SFAS 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. We expect that the adoption of SFAS 157 will not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

## FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This report contains certain "forward-looking statements" within the definition of federal securities laws. Statements in the Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and elsewhere in this document include certain "forward-looking statements," including (without limitation) statements with respect to anticipated future operating and financial performance, growth and acquisition opportunities, financing requirements and other similar forecasts and statements of expectation. Words such as "expects," "anticipates," "plans" and "believes," anc variations of these words and similar expressions, are intended to identify these forward-looking statements. Statements made regarding funding of cyclical working capital needs, expected participant distributions of defined benefit plans, disposition of legal proceedings, expected insurance recoveries, and estimates of depreciation and amortization, rental expense, interest and debt expense and capital expenditures for fiscal year 2007 are forward-looking statements. The Company cautions that forward-looking statements, as such term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, contained in this report are based on estimates, projections, beliefs and assumptions of management at the time of such statements and are not guarantees of future performance. The Company disclaims any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements based on the occurrence of future events, the receipt of new information, or otherwise.

Forward-looking statements of the Company involve risks and uncertainties and are subject to change based on various important factors. Actual future performance, outcomes and results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in forward-looking statements made by the Company and its management as a result of a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including the matters described under the caption "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 3, 2007. Representative examples of those factors (without limitation) include general retail industry conditions and macro-economic conditions; economic and weather
conditions for regions in which the Company's stores are located and the effect of these factors on the buying patterns of the Company's customers; the impact of competitive pressures in the department store industry and other retail channels including specialty, off-price, discount, internet, and mail-order retailers; changes in consumer spending patterns and debt levels; adequate and stable availability of materials and production facilities from which the Company sources its merchandise; changes in operating expenses, including employee wages, commission structures and related benefits; possible future acquisitions of store properties from other department store operators and the continued availability of financing in amounts and at the terms necessary to support the Company's future business; fluctuations in LIBOR and other base borrowing rates; expected participant distributions of defined benefit plans; disposition of legal proceedings; expected insurance recoveries; potential disruption from terrorist activity and the effect on ongoing consumer confidence; potential disruption of international trade and supply chain efficiencies; world conflict and the possible impact on consumer spending patterns and other economic and demographic changes of similar or dissimilar nature.

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## Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk

There have been no material changes in the information set forth under caption "Item 7A-Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 3, 2007.

## Item 4. Controls and Procedures

The Company maintains "disclosure controls and procedures", as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the Company's reports, pursuant to the Exchange Act, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding the required disclosures. In designing and evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, management recognized that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurances of achieving the desired control objectives, and management necessarily was required to apply its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures.

As of May 5, 2007, the Company carried out an evaluation, with the participation of Company's management, including William Dillard, II, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer), and James I. Freeman, Senior Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer), of the effectiveness of the Company's "disclosure controls and procedures" pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rule 13a-15. Based on their evaluation, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective at the reasonable assurance level. There were no significant changes in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended May 5, 2007 to which this report relates that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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## PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

## Item 1. Legal Proceedings

On July 29, 2002, a Class Action Complaint (followed on December 13, 2004 by a Second Amended Class Action Complaint) was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio against the Company, the Mercantile Stores Pension Plan (the "Plan") and the Mercantile Stores Pension Committee (the "Committee") on behalf of a putative class of former Plan participants. The complaint alleged that certain actions by the Plan and the Committee violated the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), as a result of amendments made to the Plan that allegedly were either improper and/or ineffective and as a result of certain payments made to certain beneficiaries of the Plan that allegedly were improperly calculated and/or discriminatory on account of age. The Second Amended Complaint did not specify any liquidated amount of damages sought and sought recalculation of certain benefits paid to putative class members.

During the year ended February 3, 2007, the Company signed a memorandum of understanding and accrued $\$ 35.0$ million to settle the case. The settlement became final in early April 2007. The litigation continues between the Company and the Plan's actuarial firm over the Company's cross claim against the actuarial firm seeking reimbursement for the settlement and additional damages.

From time to time, we are involved in other litigation relating to claims arising out of our operations in the normal course of business. Such issues may relate to litigation with customers, employment related lawsuits, class action lawsuits, purported class action lawsuits and actions brought by governmental authorities. As of June 12, 2007, we are not a party to any legal proceedings that, individually or in the aggregate, are reasonably expected to have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition or cash flows. However, the results of these matters cannot be predicted with certainty, and an unfavorable resolution of one or more of these matters could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

## Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no material changes in the information set forth under caption "Item 1A-Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 3, 2007.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

## Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

| Period | (a) Total Number of Shares Purchased |  |  | (c)Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs |  | (d) Approximate <br> Dollar Value that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| February 4, 2007 through March 3, 2007 |  | \$ |  |  | \$ | 111,904,853 |
| March 4, 2007 through April 7, 2007 |  |  |  |  |  | 111,904,853 |
| April 8, 2007 through May 5, 2007 |  |  |  |  |  | 111,904,853 |
| Total |  | \$ |  |  | \$ | 111,904,853 |

In May 2005, the Board of Directors authorized the Company to repurchase up to $\$ 200$ million of the Company's Class A Common Stock. The plan has no expiration date.

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## Item 3. Defaults upon Senior Securities

None

## Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

None

## Item 5. Other Information

Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges:
The Company has calculated the ratio of earnings to fixed charges pursuant to Item 503 of Regulation S-K of the Securities and Exchange Act as follows:

| Three Months Ended |  | Fiscal Years Ended |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| May 5, 2007 | $\begin{gathered} \text { April } 29, \\ 2006 \end{gathered}$ | February 3, 2007* | January 28, 2006 | $\begin{gathered} \text { January } 29, \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | January 31, 2004 | $\begin{gathered} \text { February 1, } \\ 2003 \end{gathered}$ |
| 3.42 | 4.30 | 3.34 | 2.01 | 2.12 | 1.05 | 1.88 |

## Item 6. Exhibits

Number

## Description

| 12 | Statement re: Computation of Earnings to Fixed Charges. |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\underline{31.1}$ | Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| $\underline{31.2}$ | Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| $\underline{32.1}$ | Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 <br> U.S.C. 1350). <br> 32.2Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 <br> U.S.C. 1350). |

## 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 thereunto duly authorized.
/s/ James I. Freeman
James I. Freeman
Senior Vice-President \& Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

