## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION <br> Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended May 31, 2003
OR

## q TRANSITION 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 no. 1-11107

FRANKLIN COVEY CO.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

| Utah |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| (State of incorporation) | $87-0401551$ <br> (I.R.S. employer identification number) |
| 2200 West Parkway Boulevard <br> Salt Lake City, Utah <br> (Address of principal executive offices) | $84119-2099$ <br> (Zip Code) |
| Registrant's telephone number, <br> Including are code | (801) 817-1776 |

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act)


No $\quad \mathrm{X}$
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 period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

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\begin{array}{ll}
\text { Yes } & \underline{X} \\
\text { No } &
\end{array}
$$

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of Common Stock as of the latest practicable date:
20,048,864 shares of Common Stock as of June 30, 2003

## PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FRANKLIN COVEY CO. <br> CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS <br> (in thousands, except per share amounts)

| May 31, | August 31, <br> 2003 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2002 |  |

## ASSETS

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents accounts of $\$ 1,864$ and $\$ 1,802$
Inventories
Other current assets

Total current assets
Property and equipment, net
Intangible assets, net
Investment in unconsolidated subsidiary
Other long-term assets

| \$ | 42,289 | \$ | 47, 049 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 23,788 |  | 21,117 |
|  | 39, 281 |  | 39, 091 |
|  | 9,484 |  | 13,482 |
| 114,842 |  |  | 120,739 |
| 56,001 |  |  | 75,928 |
| 92,617 |  |  | 95,955 |
|  |  |  | 642 |
| 10,173 |  |  | 11,474 |
| \$ | 273,633 | \$ | 304, 738 |

Current liabilities:
Accounts payable
Income taxes payable
Outsourcing contract costs payable
Accrued liabilities
Total current liabilities
Long-term debt, less current portion
Other liabilities
Total liabilities

| \$ | 14,329 | \$ | 12,718 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 88 |  | 189 |
|  | 7,699 |  | 14,904 |
|  | 18,608 |  | 5,766 |
|  | 28,737 |  | 33,303 |
|  | 69,461 |  | 66,880 |
|  | 1,469 |  | 1,417 |
|  | 1,493 |  | 1,886 |
|  | 72,423 |  | 70,183 |

Shareholders' equity:
Preferred stock - Series A, no par value; convertible into common stock at $\$ 14$ per share, liquidation preference totaling $\$ 89,530$, 4,000 shares authorized, 873 shares issued
Common stock - \$0.05 par value; 40,000 shares authorized

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27,056 \text { shares issued }
$$

| 87,203 | 87,203 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1,353 | 1,353 |
| 221,850 | 222,953 |
| 19,873 | 58,209 |
| $(8,682)$ | $(12,362)$ |
| 587 | (280) |
| $(120,974)$ | $(122,521)$ |
| 201,210 | 234,555 |
| \$ 273,633 | \$ 304,738 |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(in thousands, except per share amounts)


| $\begin{array}{r} \$ \quad 39,035 \\ 26,345 \end{array}$ | \$ | $\begin{aligned} & 42,707 \\ & 28,384 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 65,380 |  | 71,091 |
| 21,492 |  | 22,492 |
| 8,234 |  | 9,294 |
| 29,726 |  | 31,786 |
| 35,654 |  | 39,305 |
| 43,073 |  | 49,688 |
| 1,210 |  | 247 |
| (110) |  |  |
| 7,532 |  | 7,995 |
| 1,052 |  | 1,125 |
| $(17,103)$ |  | $(19,750)$ |

quity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated subsidiary
Interest income
121
(29)

Other income (expense)
Loss on interest rate swap
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes
$(17,011)$
$(18,323)$
1,270
6,834
$(15,741)$
Loss from continuing operations
Loss from discontinued operations, net of income tax benefits totaling \$164 and $\$ 4,173$

274
210
$(57)$
(11, 489)

Three Quarters Ended

| $\begin{gathered} \text { May 31, } \\ 2003 \end{gathered}$ | May 25, $2002$ |
| :---: | :---: |


| \$ | $\begin{array}{r} 161,514 \\ 78707 \end{array}$ | \$ | $\begin{array}{r} 176,050 \\ 82,707 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 240,216 |  | 258,757 |
|  | 81,413 |  | 86,303 |
|  | 26,143 |  | 28,898 |
|  | 107,556 |  | 115,201 |
|  | 132,660 |  | 143,556 |
|  | 136,876 |  | 164,606 |
|  | 3,680 |  | 18,703 |
|  | $(1,740)$ |  | 16,323 |
|  | 872 |  | 4,518 |
|  | 21,513 |  | 24,664 |
|  | 3,376 |  | 3,495 |
|  | $(31,917)$ |  | $(88,753)$ |
|  | (128) |  | 3,165 |
|  | 526 |  | 2,087 |
|  | (140) |  | $(2,751)$ |
|  | (172) |  | 637 |
|  |  |  | $(4,894)$ |

$(4,894)$
$(90,509)$
33,693
$(56,816)$

Gain on sale of discontinued operations, net of income tax provision totaling $\$ 35,695$

Loss before cumulative effect of accounting change
$(15,741)$
$(11,763)$
$(31,785)$
$(6,270)$
60,774

Cumulative effect of accounting change, net

| $\begin{array}{r} (15,741) \\ (2,184) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} (11,763) \\ (2,184) \end{array}$ | $(31,785)$ $(6,551)$ | $(63,698)$ $(6,497)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$ (17, 925) | \$ (13, 947) | \$ $(38,336)$ | \$ (70, 195) |
| \$ (.89) | \$ (.69) | \$ (1.91) | \$ (3.19) |
| \$ (.89) | \$ (.70) | \$ (1.91) | \$ (3.53) |
| 20,055 | 19,929 | 20,038 | 19,869 |

Net loss attributable to common shareholders

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

Three Quarters Ended
ash flows from operating activities:
Net loss
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by (used for) operating activities:
Cumulative effect of accounting change, net of tax
61, 386
Gain on sale of discontinued operations, net of tax
$(60,774)$
Deferred taxes
Depreciation and amortization
$(27,928)$
Provision for losses on management stock loans
Impairment (recovery) of investment in unconsolidated subsidiary
Loss on interest rate swap
18, 703
16, 323

Equity in losses (earnings) of unconsolidated subsidiary
4,894
$(3,165)$
Changes in assets and liabilities:
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable, net
Decrease (increase) in inventories
Decrease (increase) in other assets
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable, outsourcing contract costs
payable, and accrued liabilities
Decrease in other long-term liabilities
Decrease in income taxes payable
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities
\$ $(31,785)$
May 25,
May 31, 2003
\$ $(63,698)$
(558)
$(2,671) \quad 49,462$
(190) 2,294

5,643
2,294

9,88
$(21,443)$
(393)
(908)
$(7,205)$
$(10,721)$
2,824
$(5,004)$

Cash flows from investing activities:
Proceeds from sale of discontinued operations
152,500
Investment in unconsolidated subsidiary
Purchases of property and equipment
Cash distributions of earnings from unconsolidated subsidiary
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities

| $(1,000)$ | 152,500 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $(3,336)$ | $(9,701)$ |
| 2,000 | 2,904 |
| 417 | 2,299 |
| $-\cdots-\cdots-\cdots .-\cdots$ |  |

Cash flows from financing activities:
Principal payments on short-term line of credit borrowings
$(9,750)$
4,564
Proceeds from long-term debt and long-term line of credit
Principal payments on long-term debt and capital lease obligations


| $4,564$ |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | $(99,654)$ |
|  | 519 |
|  | (184) |
|  | $(4,894)$ |
|  | $(2,184)$ |
| $(111,583)$ |  |
| 498 |  |
|  | 31,913 |
|  | 14,864 |
| \$ | 46,777 |

Effect of foreign exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period

# FRANKLIN COVEY CO. <br> <br> $\frac{\text { NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS }}{\text { (unaudited) }}$ <br> <br> $\frac{\text { NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS }}{\text { (unaudited) }}$ <br> <br> (unaudited) 

 <br> <br> (unaudited)}

## NOTE 1 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Franklin Covey Co. (the "Company") provides integrated training and performance enhancement solutions to organizations and individuals in productivity, leadership, sales, communication, and other areas. Each integrated solution may include components of training and consulting, assessment, and other application tools that are generally available in electronic or paper-based formats. The Company's products and services are available through professional consulting services, public workshops, retail stores, catalogs, and the Internet at www.franklincovey.com. The Company's bestknown offerings include the Franklin Covey PlannerTM, the productivity workshop entitled "Focus: Achieving Your Highest Priorities," and courses based on the best-selling book, The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People.

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements reflect, in the opinion of management, all adjustments (which include only normal recurring adjustments) necessary to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the Company as of the dates and for the periods indicated. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been condensed or omitted pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") rules and regulations. The information included in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and related notes included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2002.

The Company utilizes a modified 52/53-week fiscal year that ends on August 31 of each year. Corresponding quarterly periods generally consist of 13 -week periods that ended on November 30 , 2002, March 1, 2003, and May 31, 2003 during fiscal 2003. Under the modified $52 / 53$-week fiscal year, the quarter ended May 31,2003 had the same number of business days as the quarter ended May 25, 2002. However, the three quarters ended May 31, 2003 included five more business days than the corresponding period of the prior year. As a result of the Company's fiscal calendar, the fourth quarter ended August 31, 2003 will have six fewer business days compared to the same quarter of fiscal 2002.

The results of operations for the quarter and three quarters ended May 31, 2003 are not indicative of results for the entire fiscal year ending August 31, 2003.
Due to the sale of Premier Agendas ("Premier") and the termination of franklinplanner.com operations during fiscal 2002 (Note 8), the operating results of these entities have been presented as discontinued operations in the condensed consolidated statements of operations for the quarter and three quarters ended May 25, 2002. In order to conform with the current period presentation, certain reclassifications have been made in the prior period financial statements.

## NOTE 2 - ACCOUNTING FOR STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

The Company accounts for stock-based compensation and awards using the intrinsic-value method of accounting as outlined in Accounting Principles Board Opinion 25 and related interpretations. Under the intrinsic-value methodology, no compensation expense is recognized for stock option awards granted at, or above, the fair market value of the stock on the date of grant. Accordingly, no compensation expense has been recognized for the Company's stock option plans or employee stock purchase plan in our condensed consolidated statements of operations. Had compensation expense for the Company's stock option plans and employee stock purchase plan been determined in accordance with the fair value approach as defined by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation," the Company's net loss attributable to common shareholders and corresponding basic and diluted loss per share would have been the following (in thousands, except per share data):


## NOTE 3 - INVENTORIES

Inventories were comprised of the following (in thousands):
May 31, August 31,
2003
2002

| \$ | 32,699 | \$ | 30,615 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1,197 |  | 1,141 |
|  | 5,385 |  | 7,335 |
| \$ | 39,281 | \$ | 39,091 |

## NOTE 4 - INTANGIBLE ASSETS

The Company's intangible assets were comprised of the following for the periods indicated (in thousands):

| May 31, 2003 | Gross Carrying Amount |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Definite-lived intangible assets: |  |  |
| License rights | \$ | 27,000 |

Indefinite-lived intangible asset:

|  |  | 23,000 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$ | $(39,884)$ | \$ | 92,617 |

August 31, 2002
Definite-lived intangible assets:

| \$ | $(3,669)$ | \$ | 23,331 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $(22,853)$ |  | 39,467 |
|  | $(8,799)$ |  | 10, 075 |
|  | $(1,195)$ |  | 82 |
|  | $(36,516)$ |  | 72,955 |
|  |  |  | 23,000 |
| \$ | $(36,516)$ | \$ | 95,955 |

Indefinite-lived intangible asset: Covey trade name

Balance at August 31, 2002

| 23,000 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| \$ | 132,501 |
| ============== |  |

Covey trade name 23,000
Balance at May 31, 2003

\$ | 27,000 |
| ---: |
| 62,320 |
| 18,874 |
| 1,277 |
| $-\cdots-\cdots$ |
| 109,471 |


|  | 23,000 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $-\cdots-\cdots$ |  |
| $\$$ | 132,471 |

\$ $\quad(36,516)$
==============

The Company's aggregate amortization expense from continuing operations totaled $\$ 1.1$ million for each of the quarters ended May 31 , 2003 and May 25 , 2002 . Amortization expense for the
 follows (in thousands):

| 2003 | \$ | 4,384 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2004 |  | 4,011 |
| 2005 |  | 4,011 |
| 2006 |  | 3,188 |
| 2007 |  | 3,131 |







 operations for the three quarters ended May 25, 2002. The impairment charge was comprised of the following items (in thousands):

Amount
Impaired goodwill

| $\$$ | 61,682 |
| :--- | :---: |
|  | 13,652 |
| $-\cdots$ | 75,334 |
| =========== |  |

## NOTE 5 - INVESTMENT IN FRANKLIN COVEY COACHING, LLC






 payments consist of the following three components:

Ownership Change Payment - On August 30, 2002, AMS paid the Company \$0.3 million for its Class A ownership shares in FCC and FCC issued Class B ownership shares to the Company. The Class B ownership shares prohibit the Company from active participation in the management of FCC, but provide the Company with the opportunity to receive a portion of FCC's earnings as described below.

FCC Net Income Recognition - During the first two quarters of fiscal 2003, the Company continued to recognize a portion of FCC's net income and received cash distributions from FCC totaling $\$ 2.0$ million during the quarter ended March 1, 2003. Subsequent to March 1, 2003, the Company has not received any further share of FCC's net income except for amounts that represent contingent program payments as described below.

Contingent Program Payment - The payment from the third component of the new partnership agreement is contingent upon the earnings of coaching programs based upon Franklin Covey content during the 13-month period ended September 30, 2003 (the measurement period). If coaching programs based upon the Company's content achieve earnings greater than $\$ 1.2$ million during the measurement period, then a final payment will be made during October 2003 for the entire contingent program payment. The contingent payment may not exceed $\$ 1.2$ million, however, the contingent payment may be reduced on a dollar-for-dollar basis if the Company's coaching programs fail to produce $\$ 1.2$ million of earnings during the measurement period. During the three quarters ended May 31, 2003, coaching programs based upon the Company's content earned $\$ 0.4$ million of the contingent program payment. Based upon the Company's coaching program performance during the three quarters ended May 31, 2003, the Company does not believe that the entire $\$ 1.2$ million allowed for the contingent program payment will be earned by the end of the measurement period.

 expected settlement amounts. Upon recognition of the amounts described above, the Company first reduced its remaining investment in FCC at August 31 , 2002 to zero and then recorded the


 Summarized financial information for FCC as of and for the periods indicated was as follows (in thousands):

|  | 2003 |  | 2002 |  | 2003 |  | 2002 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$ | 8,382 | \$ | 6,786 | \$ | 26,177 | \$ | 18,922 |
| Gross profit |  | 5,506 |  | 4,437 |  | 17,507 |  | 12,464 |
| Net income |  | 2,846 |  | 2,329 |  | 9,313 |  | 6,548 |
| Current assets | \$ | 5,303 | \$ | 2,275 |  |  |  |  |
| Long-term assets |  | 17,505 |  | 17,421 |  |  |  |  |
| Total assets | \$ | 22,808 | \$ | 19,696 |  |  |  |  |
| Current liabilities | \$ | 2,230 | \$ | 1,306 |  |  |  |  |
| Long-term liabilities |  | 4,582 |  | 2,883 |  |  |  |  |
| Total liabilities | \$ | 6,812 | \$ | 4,189 |  |  |  |  |

## NOTE 6 - INVESTMENT IN AGILIX LABS, INC.

During the quarter ended November 30, 2002, the Company purchased approximately 20 percent of the capital stock (on a fully diluted basis) of Agilix Labs, Inc. ("Agilix"), a Delaware corporation, for cash payments totaling $\$ 1.0$ million. Agilix is a development stage enterprise that develops software applications, including software for new "Tablet PCs." The Company accounted for its investment in Agilix using the equity method, as the Company appointed a member to Agilix's board of directors and has the ability to exercise influence over the operations of Agilix. The Company's share of Agilix's losses totaled approximately $\$ 0.1$ million, which was recorded as equity in the losses of an unconsolidated subsidiary in the Company's condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three quarters ended May 31, 2003. Although the software developed by Agilix has won numerous accolades and continues to be sold with new Tablet PCs, uncertainties surrounding Agilix's business plan developed during the quarter ended March 1, 2003 and their potential adverse effects on Agilix's operations and future cash flows were significant. The Company determined that its ability to recover the carrying value of the investment in Agilix was remote. Accordingly, the Company impaired and expensed its remaining investment in Agilix of $\$ 0.9$ million during the quarter ended March 1, 2003. According to the terms and conditions of its investment in Agilix, the Company does not have any additional obligations to Agilix (except for royalty payments which occur in the normal course of business) or further exposure resulting from Agilix's liabilities or residual operating losses.

## NOTE 7 - MANAGEMENT COMMON STOCK LOAN PROGRAM

The Company is the creditor for a loan program that provided the capital to allow certain management personnel the opportunity to purchase shares of the Company's common stock. The loan program closed during fiscal 2001 with $3,825,000$ shares of common stock purchased by the loan participants for a total cost of $\$ 33.6$ million. The loans in the management stock loan program accrue interest at 9.4 percent (compounded quarterly), are full-recourse to the participants, and are recorded as a reduction to shareholders' equity in the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheets. Although interest accrues against the participants over the life of the loans, the Company ceased recording interest receivable (and related interest income) related to these loans during the third quarter of fiscal 2002. However, loan participants remain obligated to pay all accrued interest upon maturity of the loans, which occurs in March 2005.

The Company utilizes a systematic methodology for determining the level of loan loss reserves that are appropriate for the management common stock loan program. A key factor considered by the methodology is the current market value of the common stock acquired and held by the participants. Other factors considered by the methodology include: the liquid net worth of the participants; the risks of pursuing collection actions against key employees; the probability of sufficient participant repayment capability based upon proximity to the due date of the loans; and other business, economic, and participant factors which may have an impact on the Company's ability to collect the loans. Additionally, the methodology takes into account the fact that the Company may not hold the participants' shares of stock as collateral due to certain laws and regulations. Based upon the reserve methodology, the Company recorded increases to the loan loss reserve totaling $\$ 1.2$ million and $\$ 0.2$ million for the fiscal quarters ended May 31, 2003 and May 25 , 2002. The Company had aggregate loan loss reserves totaling $\$ 29.5$ million and $\$ 25.9$ million at May 31 , 2003 and August 31, 2002, which reduced notes and interest receivable from financing common stock purchases by related parties in the respective condensed consolidated balance sheets. At May 31, 2003, the participants' loans plus recorded accrued interest exceeded the value of the common stock acquired by the participants by $\$ 33.7$ million, of which $\$ 29.5$ million has been reserved. Should the value of the common stock acquired by the participants continue to be insufficient to cover the loans outstanding during the loan term, the loan loss reserve methodology provides a basis to be fully reserved for the difference between the value of the loans outstanding and the market value of the acquired stock, plus estimated collection and other related costs, prior to the March 2005 maturity date of the loans. Although the Company will be fully reserved for potential loan losses as described above at March 2005, the inability of the Company to collect all, or a portion, of these receivables could have an adverse impact upon its financial position and future cash flows compared to full collection of the loans.

The establishment of reserves for potential loan losses requires significant estimates and judgment by the Company's management. These estimates and projections are subject to change as a result of various economic and market factors, most of which are not within the Company's control. As a result, the reserve for management stock loan losses could fluctuate significantly in future periods.

## NOTE 8 - DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

During fiscal 2002, the Company sold the operations of Premier and discontinued its on-line planning service offered at franklinplanner.com. Under the provisions of SFAS No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets," the financial results of these operations were classified as discontinued operations in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations, net of tax, for the quarter and three quarters ended May 25, 2002. The loss from discontinued operations consisted of the following for the periods indicated (in thousands):

| Quarter Ended May 25, 2002 | Pre-Tax Loss |  | Income Tax Benefit |  | Loss From Discontinued Operations |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Premier | \$ |  | \$ |  | \$ |  |
| Franklinplanner.com |  | (438) |  | 164 |  | (274) |
|  | \$ | (438) | \$ | 164 | \$ | (274) |

Three Quarters Ended
May 25, 2002
Franklinplanner.com
$\left.\begin{array}{cc}\$ & (8,877) \\ (1,566)\end{array}\right)$

| $\$$ | 3,596 |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | 577 |
| $\cdots$ | $-\cdots-\cdots$ |
| \$ | 4,173 |
| ============== |  |


| \$ | $(5,281)$ |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | (989) |
| \$ | $(6,270)$ |

The operating results of Premier for the three quarters ended May 25, 2002 include results from a period during which Premier does not recognize significant sales. The operations of franklinplanner.com were discontinued during August 2002. Additional information regarding the sale of Premier and the termination of franklinplanner.com is provided below.

## Sale of Premier

Effective December 21, 2001, the Company sold Premier Agendas, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary located in Bellingham, Washington, and Premier School Agendas Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary organized in Ontario, Canada, (collectively, "Premier") to School Specialty, Inc., a Wisconsin-based company that specializes in providing products and services to students and schools. Premier provided productivity and leadership solutions to the education industry, including student and teacher planners. The sale price was $\$ 152.5$ million in cash, plus the retention of Premier's working capital, which was received in the form of a $\$ 4.0$ million promissory note from the purchaser. Prior to the sale closing, the Company received cash distributions from Premier's working capital that totaled approximately $\$ 7.0$ million. The Company received full payment on the promissory note plus accrued interest during June 2002. In addition, the Company recorded a receivable from Premier totaling $\$ 0.8$ million related to income tax payments, the majority of which has been received as of May 31, 2003. The Company recognized a pretax gain of $\$ 99.9$ million ( $\$ 64.9$ million after applicable taxes) on the sale of Premier, of which $\$ 60.8$ million was recorded as a gain on sale of discontinued operations during the quarter ended February 23,2002 . An additional $\$ 4.1$ million was recorded as a gain on the sale during the fourth quarter ended August 31, 2002. Under terms of the Company's then-existing credit facilities, $\$ 92.3$ million of the proceeds from the sale of Premier was used to pay off and terminate the term loan and revolving credit line.

 subsequent to the sale of Premier during fiscal 2002.

## Termination of franklinplanner.com



 planning services offered at franklinplanner.com, the Company considered an on-line planning tool a key component of its overall product and services offerings and continued to operate
 during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2002.
 corporate expenses for segment reporting purposes.

## NOTE 9 - COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

Comprehensive loss includes charges and credits to equity accounts that are not the result of transactions with shareholders. Comprehensive loss is comprised of net loss and other comprehensive income and loss items. Comprehensive loss for the Company was as follows (in thousands):

|  | Quarter Ended |  |  |  | Three Quarters Ended |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { May 31, } \\ 2003 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } 25, \\ 2002 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } 31, \\ 2003 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } 25, \\ 2002 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Net loss | \$ | $(15,741)$ | \$ | $(11,763)$ | \$ | $(31,785)$ | \$ | $(63,698)$ |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) items: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loss on valuation of interest rate swap agreement, net of \$1,827 income tax benefit |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2,786 |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments |  | 617 |  | 103 |  | 867 |  | 497 |
| Comprehensive loss | \$ | $(15,124)$ | \$ | $(11,660)$ | \$ | $(30,918)$ | \$ | $(60,415)$ |

The loss on valuation of interest rate swap agreement was included in the calculation of comprehensive loss due to its change in classification and corresponding adjustment from other
 specific indefinite investments in foreign subsidiaries.

## NOTE 10 - NET LOSS PER COMMON SHARE

Basic earnings (loss) per share ("EPS") is calculated by dividing net loss attributable to common shareholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the period.


 diluted EPS were as follows for the periods indicated (in thousands, except per share amounts):


Basic and diluted weightedaverage number of common shares outstanding 20,055 19,929

20, 038
19, 869

Due to their anti-dilutive effect, the following incremental shares from the effect of Series A preferred stock on an "as converted" basis and options to purchase common stock have been excluded from the diluted EPS calculation (in thousands):

| Quarter Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { May 31, } \\ 2003 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } 25 \\ 2002 \end{gathered}$ |


| Three Quarters Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| May 31, | May 25, |
| 2003 | 2002 |

Number of Series A preferred stock shares on an "as converted" basis

6,239 6,238
6,239
6,188
Common stock equivalents from the assumed exercise of in-themoney stock options 2



6,190

## NOTE 11 - ACCOUNTING FOR DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

During the normal course of business, the Company is exposed to foreign currency exchange risk and interest rate risk arising from its cash and cash equivalents balance. To manage risks associated with foreign currency exchange and interest rates, the Company makes limited use of derivative financial instruments. Derivatives are financial instruments that derive their value from one or more underlying financial instruments. As a matter of policy, the Company's derivative instruments are entered into for periods consistent with the related underlying exposures and do not constitute positions that are independent of those exposures. In addition, the Company does not enter into derivative contracts for trading or speculative purposes, and is not a party to any leveraged derivative instrument. The notional amounts of derivatives do not represent actual amounts exchanged by the parties to the instrument, and thus, are not a measure of exposure to the Company through its use of derivatives. Additionally, the Company enters into derivative agreements only with highly rated counterparties and does not expect to incur any losses resulting from nonperformance by other parties.

## Foreign Currency Exposure

The Company has international operations and during the normal course of business is exposed to foreign currency exchange risks as a result of transactions that are denominated in currencies other than the United States dollar. During the quarter and three quarters ended May 31, 2003, the Company utilized foreign currency forward contracts to manage the volatility of certain intercompany financing transactions and other transactions that are denominated in foreign currencies. These contracts did not meet specific hedge accounting requirements and corresponding gains and losses on these contracts were recorded as a component of selling, general, and administrative expenses in the Company's condensed consolidated statements of operations. As of May 31, 2003, all of the Company's foreign currency forward contracts were settled. The Company's use of foreign currency forward contracts resulted in net losses totaling $\$ 0.1$ million and $\$ 0.5$ million for the quarter and three quarters ended May 31, 2003, compared to a net loss of $\$ 0.1$ million for the quarter ended May 25,2002 and net gains totaling $\$ 0.4$ million for the three quarters ended May 25 , 2002. In future periods, the Company may continue to use foreign currency forward contracts to manage its foreign currency exchange risks.

## Interest Rate Management

Generally, under interest rate swaps, the Company agrees with a counterparty to exchange the difference between fixed-rate and floating rate interest amounts calculated by reference to a contracted notional amount. When appropriate, the Company designates interest rate swaps as hedges of risks associated with specific assets, liabilities, or future commitments, and these contracts are monitored to determine whether the underlying agreements remain effective hedges. The interest rate differential on interest rate swaps is recognized as a component of interest expense or income over the term of the agreement. Due to the limited nature of its interest rate risk, the Company does not make regular use of interest rate derivatives and the Company was not party to any interest rate derivative instruments during the quarter or three quarters ended May 31, 2003.

In connection with the management common stock loan program (Note 7), the Company entered into an interest rate swap agreement. As a result of a credit agreement obtained during fiscal 2001, the notes receivable from the loan participants, corresponding debt, and the interest rate swap agreement were recorded on the Company's consolidated balance sheet at August 31 , 2001. Under terms of its then-existing credit agreement, the Company was obligated to use a portion of the proceeds from the sale of Premier (Note 8) to retire the majority of its outstanding debt, including the amount related to the management common stock loan program. As a result of this transaction, the underlying obligation of the interest rate swap was settled and the interest rate swap agreement was transformed from a hedge instrument to a speculative instrument, which was settled during the quarter ended February 23,2002 for a cash payment of $\$ 4.9$ million. As a result, the loss on the settlement of the interest rate swap agreement was recorded in the condensed consolidated statement of operations for the three quarters ended May 25,2002 . The interest rate differential on the interest rate swap agreement totaled $\$ 0.6$ million for the three quarters ended May 25, 2002.

## NOTE 12 - SEGMENT INFORMATION

Following the sale of Premier in fiscal 2002, the Company now has two reporting segments: the Consumer Strategic Business Unit ("CSBU") and the Organizational Strategic Business Unit ("OSBU"). The operating results of Premier and the Company's other products and services designed for teachers and students were previously reported in the Education Business Unit, which was dissolved in fiscal 2002. The Company's remaining teacher and student programs and products are now reported as a component of OSBU results of operations. The following is a description of the Company's reporting segments and their primary activities.

Consumer Strategic Business Unit - This business unit is primarily focused on sales to individual customers and includes the results of the Company's 170 domestic retail stores, 10 international retail stores, catalog and e-Commerce operations, and other related distribution channels, including wholesale sales, government product sales, and manufacturing operations. Although CSBU sales primarily consist of products such as planners, binders, software, and handheld electronic planning devices, virtually any component of the Company's leadership and productivity solutions can be purchased through CSBU channels.

Organizational Strategic Business Unit - The OSBU is primarily responsible for the development, marketing, sale, and delivery of productivity, leadership, sales performance, and communication training solutions directly to organizational clients, including other companies, the government, and educational institutions. The OSBU includes the financial results of the Organizational Solutions Group ("OSG") and international operations, except for international retail stores. The OSG is responsible for the domestic sale and delivery of productivity, leadership, sales performance, and communication training solutions to corporations and includes sales of training seminars to teachers and students, which were previously reported with the operating results of Premier. The OSG is also responsible for consulting services that compliment the Company's productivity and leadership training solutions. The Company's international sales group includes its directly owned offices and licensee sale and delivery options, including certain catalog sales.


 segment reporting purposes, the Company's consolidated EBITDA can be calculated as loss from operations less depreciation and amortization charges.

In the normal course of business, the Company may make structural and cost allocation revisions to its segment information to reflect new reporting responsibilities within the organization.


SEGMENT INFORMATION
(in thousands)

Organizational

## Consumer Strategic Business Unit

Strategic Business Unit


Quarter Ended
May 25, 2002


Three Quarters Ended
May 31, 2003

| Sales to external |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Customers | \$ | 89,695 | \$ | 46, 022 | \$ | 17,548 | \$ | 56, 001 | \$ | 30,950 |  | \$240, 216 |
| Gross margin |  | 45,583 |  | 25,674 |  | 3,622 |  | 36,502 |  | 21,279 |  | 132,660 |
| EBITDA |  | 1,872 |  | 7,959 |  | $(9,459)$ |  | $(1,708)$ |  | 5,846 | (11, 538 ) | $(7,028)$ |
| Depreciation |  | 10, 044 |  | 1,894 |  | 1,474 |  | 1,302 |  | 804 | 5,995 | 21,513 |
| Amortization |  |  |  |  |  | 279 |  | 3, 050 |  | 41 | 6 | 3,376 |
| Significant non-cashitems: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Provision for losses on management stock |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| loan program |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3,680 | 3,680 |
| Impairment (recovery) of investment in FCC |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | (1,740) |  |  |  | $(1,740)$ |
| Other impaired assets |  |  |  |  |  | 872 |  |  |  |  |  | 872 |

Three Quarters Ended
May 25, 2002

Sales to external

## Customers

Gross margin
EBITDA
Depreciation
Amortization
Significant non-cash
items:
Provision for losses on
management stock
loan program
of investment in FCC
Other impaired assets
Discontinued operations, net of tax

| $\$$ | 96,769 | $\$ 2,148$ | $\$ 16,875$ |
| :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: |
| 50,224 |  | 29,261 | 4,904 |
| 5,387 |  | 4,544 | $(15,398)$ |
| 7,964 |  | 2,487 | 1,841 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 354 |


| $\$$ | 61,779 | $\$$ | 31,186 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 37,779 |  | 21,388 |  |
|  | $(26,022)$ |  | 4,446 |
| 1,456 |  | 910 |  |
|  | 3,136 |  |  |


|  | $\$ 258,757$ |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | 143,556 |
| $(33,551)$ | $(60,594)$ |
| 10,006 | 24,664 |
| 5 | 3,495 |

A reconciliation of reportable segment EBITDA to consolidated loss from operations is provided below (in thousands):


Corporate assets such as cash, accounts receivable, and other assets are not generally allocated to reportable business segments for business analysis purposes. However, inventories, certain identifiable intangibles, and property and equipment balances are classified by reportable segment.

## NOTE 13 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Due to unfavorable operating performance in certain retail stores, the Company has closed four stores during fiscal 2003 and the Company currently expects to close approximately 40 other

 resulting from expected retail store closures totaled $\$ 2.3$ million and $\$ 4.7$ million for the quarter and three quarters ended May $31,2003$.

## ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Management's discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based upon management's current expectations and are subject to various uncertainties and changes in circumstances. Future economic circumstances, our product or our competitors' product pricing, ou
 are examples of factors, among others, that could cause results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements.

The Company suggests that the following discussion and analysis be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financia Condition and Results of Operations included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 2002.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Quarter Ended May 31, 2003 Compared to the Quarter Ended May 25, 2002

## Overview

Consistent with previous quarters in fiscal 2003, we reported improved results from operations compared to the prior year. For the quarter ended May 31, 2003, our loss from operations improved \$2.6 million to \$17.1 million, compared to \$19.7 million for the same quarter of fiscal 2002. Our improved operating results were primarily due to reduced selling, general, and
 administrative expenses decreased $\$ 6.6$ million compared to the prior year. We expect that these initiatives will continue to have a favorable impact on our operating performance during the remainder of fiscal 2003 and during fiscal 2004. However, our cost cutting efforts will be impacted in future periods by potentially significant costs resulting from expected closure of certain



 solution sales will improve as the general economy strengthens, corporate clients restore funding to their training budgets, and as our new training offerings continue to gain traction. Further information on these areas and other aspects of our operations for the quarter ended May 31, 2003 are presented below.

Sales

The following table sets forth selected sales data for our operating segments (in thousands):

|  | Quarter Ended |  |  |  | Three Quarters Ended |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { May 31, } \\ 2003 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { May 25, } \\ 2002 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { May 31, } \\ 2003 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } 25, \\ 2002 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Consumer Strategic Business Unit: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Retail Stores | \$ | 21,159 | \$ | 22,336 | \$ | 89,695 | \$ | 96,769 |
| Catalog/eCommerce |  | 9,804 |  | 11,284 |  | 46, 022 |  | 52,148 |
| Other CSBU |  | 6,202 |  | 6,668 |  | 17,548 |  | 16,875 |
|  |  | 37,165 |  | 40,288 |  | 153, 265 |  | 165,792 |
| Organizational Strategic Business Unit: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Organizational Solutions Group |  | 18,993 |  | 21, 020 |  | 56,001 |  | 61,779 |
| International |  | 9, 222 |  | 9,783 |  | 30,950 |  | 31,186 |
|  |  | 28,215 |  | 30,803 |  | 86,951 |  | 92,965 |
| Total Sales | \$ | 65,380 | \$ | 71, 091 | \$ | 240, 216 | \$ | 258,757 |



 seven percent decline in comparable store sales performance (comparable stores represent retail stores that have been open longer than one year) compared to fiscal 2002 . Due to unfavorable


 portion of the sales from these closed stores will transition to other retail store locations or to one of our other product channels. At May 31 , 2003 , we were operating 170 domestic retail stores compared to 174 domestic stores at May 25, 2002. Catalog sales declined $\$ 2.0$ million, compared to fiscal 2003, reflecting previous trends of lower call volume through our catalog call center. However, decreased catalog sales were partially offset by $\$ 0.5$ million of increased sales through our Internet web site located at www.franklincovey.com. Decreases in other CSBU sales were primarily the result of decreased government product sales, which declined $\$ 0.2$ million.

Training solution and related services sales decreased by $\$ 2.0$ million, or seven percent, compared to the same period of the prior year. The Company offers a variety of training solutions,




 training sales in Japan and Europe, which were partially offset by sales increases in other countries.

## Gross Margin

Gross margin consists of net sales less the cost of goods sold or services provided. Our overall gross margin declined to 54.5 percent of sales for the quarter, compared to 55.3 percent in the third quarter of fiscal 2002. Gross margin on product sales decreased to 44.9 percent compared to 47.3 percent in the comparable quarter of the prior year. The decline in our product gross margin was primarily due to a shift in our product mix toward technology products, including Tablet PCs and handheld electronic devices, which have lower gross margins than the majority of our other product offerings. During the quarter ended May 31, 2003, technology products represented approximately 28 percent of our product mix compared to 24 percent in the quarter ended May 25 , 2002. In
addition, as our sales of technology products increased, the overall margin on these products has decreased, primarily due to competition and declining prices for technology products, compared to the prior year.

Training solution and related services gross margin, as a percent of sales, improved to 68.7 percent compared to 67.3 percent in fiscal 2002. The improvement in our training solutions gross margin was primarily due to decreased public program and organizational change consulting sales, which typically have lower gross margins than the majority of our other training solution sales, and increased sales of higher margin corporate training program sales. In addition, higher-margin facilitator sales continue to improve and had a favorable impact on our training gross margin percentage during the quarter ended May 31, 2003.

## Operating Expenses

Our selling, general, and administrative ("SG\&A") expenses decreased $\$ 6.6$ million, or 13 percent, compared to the prior year. Decreased SG\&A expenses during the quarter ended May 31 , 2003 were the direct result of initiatives specifically designed to reduce our overall operating costs and were consistent with operating expense trends during the last two quarters of fiscal 2002 and the first two quarters of fiscal 2003. These cost-cutting initiatives resulted in associate expense reductions totaling $\$ 4.0$ million, advertising and promotional expenses reductions totaling $\$ 1.4$ million, and reductions in other SG\&A expenses, such as outsourcing and development costs, that totaled $\$ 1.4$ million compared to the prior year. With on-going efforts to reduce our operating expenses, the Company expects that SG\&A expenses will continue to decrease compared to the prior year through the remainder of fiscal 2003. However, in connection with our planned retail store closures we may incur significant costs, including lease termination, severance, and other related store closure costs, during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2003 and during fiscal 2004.

The Company is the creditor for a loan program that provided the capital to allow certain management personnel the opportunity to purchase shares of our common stock. The loan program closed during fiscal 2001 with $3,825,000$ shares of our common stock purchased by the loan participants for a total cost of $\$ 33.6$ million. The loans in the management stock loan program are fullrecourse to the participants and are recorded as a reduction to shareholders' equity in our condensed consolidated balance sheets. The Company utilizes a systematic methodology for determining the level of loan loss reserves that are appropriate for the management common stock loan program. A key factor considered by our methodology is the current market value of the common stock acquired and held by the participants. Other factors considered by the methodology include: the liquid net worth of the participants; the risks of pursuing collection actions against key employees; the probability of sufficient participant repayment capability based upon proximity to the due date of the loans; and other business, economic, and participant factors which may have an impact on our ability to collect the loans. Additionally, the methodology takes into account the fact that we may not hold the participants' shares of stock as collateral due to certain laws and regulations. Based upon our reserve methodology, we recorded an increase to the loan loss reserve of $\$ 1.2$ million for the quarter ended May 31,2003 compared to $\$ 0.2$ million for the quarter ended May 25 , 2002. The Company had aggregate loan loss reserves totaling $\$ 29.5$ million and $\$ 25.9$ million at May 31, 2003 and August 31, 2002, which reduced notes and interest receivable from financing common stock purchases by related parties in the respective condensed consolidated balance sheets. Should the value of the common stock acquired by the participants continue to be insufficient to cover the loans outstanding during the loan term, the loan loss reserve methodology provides a basis to be fully reserved for the difference between the value of the loans outstanding and the market value of the acquired stock, plus estimated collection and other related costs, prior to the March 2005 maturity date of the loans. Although we will be fully reserved, as described above, for potential loan losses at the maturity date, the inability of the Company to collect all, or a portion, of these receivables could have an adverse impact upon our financial position and future cash flows compared to full collection of the loans. The establishment of reserves for potential loan losses on the management common stock loan program requires significant estimates and judgment by the Company's management. These estimates and projections are subject to change as a result of various economic and market factors, most of which are not within our control. As a result, the reserve for management stock loan losses could fluctuate significantly in future periods.

During fiscal 2001, we entered into a joint venture agreement with American Marketing Systems ("AMS") to form Franklin Covey Coaching, LLC ("FCC"). Based upon our coaching program results during fiscal 2002, and the probability that the joint venture would be terminated, we recorded impairment charges totaling $\$ 16.3$ million to our investment in FCC during the first three quarters of fiscal 2002. AMS later exercised its option to terminate the existing joint venture effective August 31, 2002. According to the terms of a new partnership agreement that terminates our interest in FCC in October 2003, we received a $\$ 0.3$ million payment at the end of fiscal 2002, we received payments totaling $\$ 2.0$ million during the quarter ended March 1 , 2003, and we may receive up to an additional $\$ 1.2$ million from FCC in October 2003. The additional payment of $\$ 1.2$ million is contingent upon the earnings of coaching programs based upon our content during the 13 months ended September 30, 2003 (the measurement period). The contingent payment may not exceed $\$ 1.2$ million, however, the contingent payment may be reduced on a dollar-for-dollar basis if our coaching programs fail to produce $\$ 1.2$ million of earnings during the measurement period. During the three quarters ended May 31, 2003, coaching programs based upon our content earned $\$ 0.4$ million of the contingent program payment. Based upon our coaching program performance during the three quarters ended May 31, 2003, we do not believe that we will earn the entire $\$ 1.2$ million allowed under the new partnership agreement by the end of the measurement period. Upon recognition of the above amounts, we first reduced our remaining investment in FCC at August 31,2002 to zero and then recorded the additional amounts as a reversal of the previously recorded impairment charges. The impairment reversals resulting from our earnings under the new FCC partnership agreement totaled $\$ 0.1$ million and $\$ 1.7$ million for the quarter and three quarters ended May 31, 2003. For further information regarding our investment in FCC, refer to Note 5 to our condensed consolidated financial statements.

Depreciation expense decreased $\$ 0.5$ million compared to the prior year primarily due to the full depreciation or disposal of certain computer hardware and software as well as significantly reduced capital expenditures, especially for store build-outs and remodeling projects, during fiscal 2002 and the first three quarters of fiscal 2003. However, these factors that reduced depreciation expense were partially offset by accelerated depreciation on retail stores that are expected to close during the remainder of fiscal 2003 and through the second quarter of fiscal 2004. The additional depreciation charges resulting from accelerated depreciation on our retail stores totaled $\$ 2.3$ million for the quarter ended May 31, 2003. Amortization expense on definite-lived intangible assets totaled $\$ 1.1$ million for each of the quarters ended May 31, 2003 and May 25, 2002. We expect intangible asset amortization expense to total $\$ 4.4$ million during fiscal 2003 . For further information regarding our intangible assets, refer to Note 4 to our condensed consolidated financial statements.

## Equity in Earnings of an Unconsolidated Subsidiary

Prior year amounts recorded as equity in the earnings of an unconsolidated subsidiary include our share of FCC's net income for the quarter ended May 25, 2002. Following termination of our previous FCC partnership agreement, we ceased recording our share of FCC's net income as equity in the earnings of an unconsolidated subsidiary. Refer to the discussion in the previous section regarding our treatment of FCC earnings under the new partnership agreement.

## Interest Income and Expense

Interest income declined by $\$ 0.1$ million compared to the same quarter of the prior fiscal year. The decrease was primarily the result of reduced cash balances compared to the prior year. Interest expense decreased primarily due to reduced debt balances compared to the same quarter of the prior fiscal year. Based upon current debt levels, we expect interest expense to remain minimal in the foreseeable future.

## Income Taxes

Our recent history of significant operating losses precludes us from demonstrating that it is more likely than not that the benefits of domestic operating loss carryforwards from the three quarters ended May 31, 2003, together with the benefits of deferred income tax assets, deferred income tax deductions, and foreign tax carryforwards, will not be realized. Accordingly, we have recorded the appropriate valuation allowances on our deferred income tax assets. The net income tax benefit recorded for the quarter ended May 31, 2003, which totaled $\$ 1.3$ million, was based upon the resolution of various tax matters and was partially offset by current income taxes incurred by our foreign subsidiaries, foreign taxes on payments from our foreign licensees, and state income taxes that are not strictly based upon net income. By comparison, the total income tax benefit recorded during the quarter ended May 31 , 2002 was $\$ 6.8$ million.

Three Quarters Ended May 31, 2003 Compared to the Three Quarters Ended May 25, 2002
Sales
Although our reported sales for the three quarters ended May 31, 2003 benefited from five additional business days compared to the prior year, our overall sales performance was unfavorably affected by sales performance during our second and third quarters of fiscal 2003. Product sales, which primarily consist of planners, binders, software, and handheld electronic planning devices, decreased $\$ 14.5$ million, or eight percent, compared to the first three quarters of the prior year. The majority of this decline can be attributed to sales performance during the quarter ended March 1 , 2003, which we believe was adversely affected by national retail sales trends and a sluggish economy in the United States. Product sales decreased primarily due to declines in retail, catalog, and government products. These declines were partially offset by increased eCommerce and wholesale sales. Retail store sales declined $\$ 7.1$ million, or seven percent, primarily due to reduced traffic and corresponding lower transactions. Due to unfavorable operating performance at a significant number of our retail stores, we have closed 4 retail stores during fiscal 2003, and expect to continue to close unprofitable stores in order to improve the long-term operating performance of our retail store operations. Based upon our analysis of unprofitable stores, we currently expect to close approximately 40 of our stores during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2003 and through the second quarter of fiscal 2004. These closures are comprised of unprofitable stores and stores located in markets where the Company has multiple retail operations. We may also close additional retail store locations if future analysis demonstrates that our operating performance may be improved through further retail store closures. We anticipate that a significant portion of the sales from these closed stores will transition to other retail store locations or to one of our other product channels. Our catalog channel sales decreased by $\$ 11.2$ million compared to fiscal 2002. The decrease was primarily due to lower call volume through our catalog call center and was partially offset by a $\$ 5.1$ million increase in sales through our Internet web site at www.franklincovey.com. Although total sales from the catalog and eCommerce channel is down, the shift of sales from the catalog call center to the Internet produced improved operating results for this channel due to the lower operating costs per transaction of our eCommerce operations. Other CSBU sales improved primarily due to increased wholesale sales, which were partially offset by decreased government products sales.

Training solution and related services sales for the three quarters ended May 31, 2003 decreased by $\$ 4.0$ million, or five percent, compared to the first three quarters of fiscal 2002. The Company offers a variety of training solutions, training related products, and consulting services focused on productivity, leadership, sales performance, and communication training programs which are provided through our OSBU channels. The decrease in OSG sales, which are primarily domestic training and training-product sales, was primarily attributable to decreased sales of customized training products, the elimination of our organizational change consulting group, decreased public seminar sales, and reduced government training sales. Partially offsetting these decreases was an additional five business days during our first quarter of fiscal 2003 and increases in our other training programs, including client-facilitated workshops. Through the end of our third quarter of fiscal 2003, sales from our new productivity workshop entitled, "Focus: Achieving Your Highest Priorities," continue to meet our expectations and we continue to see client facilitator sales improve compared to the prior year. Overall, our international training solution sales were essentially flat compared to the prior year.

## Gross Margin

Our overall gross margin for the three quarters ended May 31, 2003 declined slightly to 55.2 percent of sales compared to 55.5 percent in the prior year. Gross margin on product sales decreased to 49.6 percent compared to 51.0 percent in the prior year. The decline in our product gross margin was chiefly attributable to gross margin performance during our first and third quarters of fiscal 2003 and was primarily due to the following three factors: 1) the substantial discounting of a number of slower moving products in order to liquidate this merchandise; 2) a shift in our product mix toward technology products, including tablet PCs and handheld electronic devices, which generally have lower gross margins than the majority of our other products; and 3 ) in response to general market trends, significant promotional discounts were used on certain products to enhance sales. Partially offsetting these factors during the first three quarters of fiscal 2003 were the favorable results from focused cost-cutting initiatives aimed at reducing our production costs for paper-related products and decreasing the purchase price of our binder products.

Training solution and services gross margin, as a percent of sales, improved to 66.8 percent for the three quarters ended May 31, 2003, compared to 65.1 percent in the prior year. The improvement in training solutions gross margin was primarily due to decreased sales of customized training products and the elimination of our organizational change consulting practice, both of which typically have lower gross margins than the majority of our other training solution and training product related sales, and a shift in the product mix of training solution and training product related sales. Additionally, higher-margin facilitator sales continued to improve and had a favorable impact on gross margin percentage during the three quarters ended May $31,2003$.

## Operating Expenses

Our selling, general, and administrative ("SG\&A") expenses decreased $\$ 27.7$ million, or 17 percent, compared to the first three quarters of fiscal 2002. Decreasing SG\&A expenses were the direct result of initiatives specifically designed to reduce our overall operating costs and were consistent with operating expense trends during the last two quarters of fiscal 2002 and the first two quarters of fiscal 2003. These successful cost-cutting initiatives resulted in associate expense reductions totaling $\$ 11.5$ million, reductions in other SG\&A expenses, including outsourcing, consulting, and development, that totaled $\$ 8.5$ million, and advertising and promotional expense reductions totaling $\$ 6.7$ million, compared to the prior year. In order to further improve our financial results and reduce operating costs, our management regularly evaluates our business activities and operating segment financial results and may implement additional cost-cutting initiatives, including further headcount reductions, additional retail store closures, consolidation of corporate office space, elimination of unprofitable programs or services, and other strategic plans. However, in connection with our planned retail store closures we may incur significant costs, including lease termination, severance, and other related costs, during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2003 and during fiscal 2004.

The Company is the creditor for a loan program that provided the capital to allow certain management personnel the opportunity to purchase shares of our common stock. During the three quarters ended May 31, 2003, we recorded an increase to the reserve for potential loan losses totaling $\$ 3.7$ million, compared to $\$ 18.7$ million for the corresponding period of the prior year. For further information regarding our loan loss reserve methodology, refer to Note 7 to our condensed consolidated financial statements or the information contained in the operating expenses portion of the discussion regarding the quarter ended May 31, 2003 compared to the quarter ended May 25, 2002, which is previously presented in this document.

During fiscal 2001, the Company entered into a joint venture agreement with AMS to form FCC. For further information regarding our investment in FCC, refer to Note 5 to our condensed consolidated financial statements and the information contained in the operating expenses portion of the discussion regarding the quarter ended May 31, 2003 compared to the quarter ended May 25 , 2002, which is presented previously in this document.

Depreciation expense decreased $\$ 3.2$ million compared to the first three quarters of fiscal 2002 primarily due to the full depreciation or disposal of certain computer hardware and software as well as significantly reduced capital expenditures, especially for retail store build-outs and remodeling projects, during fiscal 2002 and the first three quarters of fiscal 2003. However, these factors were partially offset by accelerated depreciation on retail stores that we expect to close during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2003 and through the second quarter of fiscal 2004. These additional depreciation charges totaled $\$ 4.7$ million for the three quarters ended May 31, 2003. Amortization expense from definite-lived intangible assets was $\$ 3.4$ million during the three quarters ended May 31 , 2003 compared to $\$ 3.5$ million during the corresponding period of the prior year. The Company expects amortization charges to total $\$ 4.4$ million during fiscal 2003.

## Equity in Earnings of Unconsolidated Subsidiary

During the quarter ended November 30, 2002, we purchased approximately 20 percent of the capital stock (on a fully diluted basis) of Agilix Labs, Inc. ("Agilix"), a Delaware corporation, for cash payments totaling $\$ 1.0$ million. Agilix is a development stage enterprise that develops software applications, including applications for new "Tablet PCs." We originally accounted for our investment in Agilix using the equity method, as the Company appointed a member to Agilix's board of directors and has the ability to exercise influence over the operations of Agilix. Although the software developed by Agilix has won numerous accolades and continues to be sold with new Tablet PCs (sales of Tablet PCs have exceeded original expectations), uncertainties surrounding Agilix's business plan and their potential adverse effects on Agilix's operations and cash flows were believed to be significant. As a result of these considerations, we determined that our ability to recover the remaining investment in Agilix was remote. Accordingly, we recorded an impaired asset charge of $\$ 0.9$ million during the quarter ended March 1 , 2003 to expense our remaining investment in Agilix due to cash flow concerns at Agilix. Prior to the impairment of our investment in Agilix, our share of Agilix's losses totaled $\$ 0.1$ million, which was recorded as equity in the losses of an unconsolidated subsidiary in our condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three quarters ended May 31, 2003. According to the provisions of our investment in Agilix, the Company does not have any additional obligations to Agilix (except for royalty payments which occur in the normal course of business) or further exposure resulting from Agilix's liabilities or residual operating losses.

Prior year amounts recorded as equity in the earnings of an unconsolidated subsidiary include our share of FCC's net income for the three quarters ended May 25 , 2002. Following termination of the previous FCC partnership agreement, we ceased recording our share of FCC's net income as equity in the earnings of an unconsolidated subsidiary. Refer to the discussion related to equity in earnings of an unconsolidated subsidiary for the quarter ended May 31, 2003 compared to the quarter ended May 25, 2002 regarding our treatment of FCC earnings under the new partnership agreement.

## Interest Income and Expense

Interest income declined by $\$ 1.6$ million during the three quarters ended May 31, 2003 compared to the same period of fiscal 2002. The decrease was primarily the result of ceasing to record interest income from the participants in the management common stock loan program during the quarter ended February 23, 2002. Although the participants in the management common stock loan program remain liable for the interest accrued on their loans, we discontinued recording interest income due to uncertainties as to the ultimate collection of these amounts. Interest on participant loans is due and payable when the loans mature in March 2005.

Interest expense decreased by $\$ 2.6$ million due to reduced debt balances primarily resulting from the payment and termination of our term loan and line of credit agreement, which occurred during the quarter ended February 23, 2002 in connection with the sale of Premier.

## Other Income

During the three quarters ended May 25, 2002, we sold a building located in Chandler, Arizona. The gain on the sale of the building was $\$ 0.6$ million and was recorded as other income in the accompanying condensed consolidated statement of operations for the three quarters ended May 25, 2002.

## Income Taxes

Our recent history of significant operating losses precludes us from demonstrating that it is more likely than not that the benefits of domestic operating loss carryforwards from the three quarters ended May 31, 2003, together with the benefits of deferred income tax assets, deferred income tax deductions, and foreign tax carryforwards, will not be realized. Accordingly, we have recorded valuation allowances on our deferred income tax assets. The net income tax benefit recorded for the three quarters ended May 31, 2003, which totaled less than $\$ 0.1$ million, was based upon the resolution of various tax matters and was partially offset by current income taxes incurred by our foreign subsidiaries, foreign taxes on payments from our foreign licensees, and state income taxes that are not strictly based upon net income. By contrast, the total income tax benefit recorded during the three quarters ended May 25,2002 was $\$ 33.7$ million.

## Gain on Sale of Discontinued Operations

Effective December 21, 2001, we sold Premier Agendas, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary located in Bellingham, Washington, and Premier School Agendas Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary organized in Ontario, Canada, (collectively, "Premier") to School Specialty, Inc., a Wisconsin-based company that specializes in providing products and services to students and schools. Premier provided productivity and leadership solutions to the education industry, including student and teacher planners. The sale price was $\$ 152.5$ million in cash, plus the retention of Premier's working


 as a gain during the quarter ended August 31, 2002.

## Cumulative Effect of Accounting Change

We adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets," on September 1, 2001. The new reporting provisions of SFAS No. 142 prohibit the amortization of



 tax benefits) and was recorded as a cumulative effect of accounting change in our condensed consolidated statement of operations for the three quarters ended May $25,2002$.

## Preferred Stock Dividends

 2002. Subsequent to July 2002, the terms of the Series A preferred stock agreement require that all future Series A preferred stock dividends be paid in cash.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Historically, our primary sources of capital have been net cash provided by operating activities, long-term borrowings, line-of-credit financing, asset sales, and the issuance of preferred and



 investing and financing activities, including the potential sale and leaseback of our Salt Lake City campus.

## Cash Flows From Operating Activities








 stabilization and growth efforts, including new products, services, and related marketing programs, will improve our cash flows from operating activities in future periods.

## Cash Flows From Investing Activities and Capital Expenditures

Net cash used for investing activities totaled $\$ 1.9$ million for the three quarters ended May 31, 2003. Our primary uses of cash for investing activities included $\$ 3.3$ million of cash used to


 first three quarters of fiscal 2003, we have reduced capital spending in order to focus our capital resources on business-critical equipment and projects.

## Cash Flows From Financing Activities

Net cash used for financing activities during the three quarters ended May 31, 2003 totaled $\$ 6.5$ million. Following the payment and termination of our term loan and line of credit agreement
 quarters of fiscal 2003.

## Contractual Obligations




 (in thousands):

Fiscal Year
Description


## Other Items




 an adverse impact upon our financial position and future cash flows compared to full collection of the loans.

Going forward, we will continue to incur costs necessary for the operation and potential growth of the business. We anticipate using cash on hand, cash provided by operating activities on the condition that we can return to generating sufficient positive cash flows from operations, and other financing alternatives, if necessary, for these expenditures. We anticipate that our existing capital resources should be adequate to enable us to maintain our operations for the succeeding twelve months. However, our ability to maintain adequate capital for our operations beyond that point in time is dependent upon a number of factors, including sales trends, our ability to contain costs, levels of capital expenditures, collection of accounts receivable, and other factors. Some of the factors that influence our operations are not within our control, such as economic conditions and the introduction of new technology and products by our competitors. We will continue to monitor our liquidity position and may pursue additional financing alternatives, if required, to maintain sufficient resources for future growth and capital requirements. However, there can be no assurance such financing alternatives will be available to us on acceptable terms.

## USE OF ESTIMATES AND CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Company's condensed consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of our financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and revenues and expenses during the periods presented. Management regularly evaluates its estimates and assumptions and bases those estimates and assumptions on historical experience, factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, and requirements under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions, including changes in economic conditions and other circumstances that are not in our control, but which may have an impact on these estimates and our actual financial results.

## Revenue Recognition

We recognize revenue when all of the following criteria are met: 1) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, 2) delivery has occurred or services have been rendered, 3) our price to the buyer is fixed and determinable, and 4) collectibility is reasonably assured. For product sales, these conditions are generally met upon shipment of the product to the customer or by completion of the sales transaction in our retail stores. For training and service sales, these conditions are generally met upon presentation of the training seminar, delivery of the consulting services, or shipment of the training manuals and related products. Revenue is recognized as the net amount to be received after deducting estimated amounts for discounts and product returns.

## Sales Returns and Allowances

Costs associated with the potential return of both products and services are recorded as a reduction of sales and are recorded as an allowance for sales returns. These costs are based upon known returns and trends related to the timing of returns.

## Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

In the normal course of business, we extend credit to our customers based upon financial and other criteria. The Company maintains allowances for doubtful accounts based upon estimated losses that result from the inability of customers to make required payments. Management assesses the adequacy of our allowance for doubtful accounts through analysis of the aging of accounts receivable at the date of the financial statements, assessments of historical collection trends, and the consideration of other relevant factors.

## Inventory Valuation

 cost of the inventory and its estimated net realizable value. Our inventories are comprised primarily of dated calendar products and other non-dated products such as binders, handheld electronic devices, stationery, training products, and other accessories. In order to value our dated calendar products, the Company has developed a methodology that is based upon historical sales trends of dated items. Non-dated inventory items are evaluated based upon historical sales trends, technological obsolescence, new product introductions, and other factors that influence the estimated realizable value of the inventory. Our management regularly assesses the valuation of inventories by reviewing the costing of inventory, the significance of slow-moving inventory, and the impact of current economic conditions.

## Valuation of Long-Lived Assets

We review our long-lived assets, including both definite-lived and indefinite-lived intangible assets, for possible impairment on a periodic basis and whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. In evaluating the fair value and future benefits of definite-lived and indefinite-lived assets, we perform an analysis of the expected discounted or undiscounted future net cash flows of the assets, as appropriate, over the remaining amortization period or estimated useful life of the asset. If the carrying value of the asset exceeds the anticipated future cash flows of the asset, we recognize an impairment loss equal to the difference between the carrying value of the asset and its fair value. Actual cash flows may differ from estimated future cash flows used in the evaluation of long-lived assets.

## Depreciation and Amortization Expense

Our property and equipment balances are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation, which includes the amortization of assets recorded under capital lease obligations, is generally calculated using the straight-line method over the expected useful life of the asset. Our depreciable lives for our major classifications of property and equipment are as follows:

| Description | Useful Lives |
| :---: | :---: |
| Buildings | 15-39 years |
| Computer hardware and software | 3 years |
| Machinery and equipment | 3-7 years |
| Furniture, fixtures, and leasehold improvements | 5-7 years |

Leasehold improvements are amortized over the lesser of the useful economic life of the asset or the contracted lease period. We charge expenditures for maintenance and repairs to expense as incurred.

We account for our intangible assets according to the provisions of SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets" and SFAS No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets." The reporting provisions of SFAS No. 142 prohibit the amortization of indefinite-lived intangible assets and require the realizability of such assets to be assessed when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the indefinite-lived asset may not be recoverable. Based upon the results of the assessment, the indefinite-lived intangible is written down to fair value, if necessary. Definite-lived intangible assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives, which can vary depending upon the nature of the acquired intangible asset.

## Loan Loss Reserve for Management Common Stock Loan Program










 price for the first three weeks subsequent to May 31, 2003, a period that produced significant increases to our common stock market price (in thousands, except per-share amounts).

| Market Value ofCommon Stock Per |  | Required Loan |  | Increase |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | (Decr | e) to Loan |
| Share |  |  |  |  | Reserve | Loss Reserve |  |
| \$ | . 66 | \$ | 30,408 | \$ | 2,110 |
|  | . 95 |  | 29,507 |  | 1,210 |

Additionally, our loan loss methodology takes into account the fact that the Company may not hold the participants' shares of stock as collateral due to certain laws and regulations. Should the value of the common stock acquired by the participants continue to be insufficient to cover the loans outstanding during the loan term, our loan loss reserve methodology provides a basis to be fully reserved for the difference between the value of the loans outstanding and the market value of the acquired stock, plus estimated collection and other related costs, prior to the March 2005 maturity date of the loans.

## Recognition of Income Tax Provisions and Benefits

The calculation of our income tax provision or benefit, as applicable, requires estimates of future taxable income or losses. During the course of the fiscal year, these estimates are compared to actual financial results and adjustments may be made to our tax provision or benefit to reflect these revised estimates.

## Valuation Allowances on Deferred Income Tax Assets

Our recent history of significant operating losses precludes us from demonstrating that it is more likely than not that the related benefits from deferred income tax deductions and foreign tax carryforwards will not be realized. Accordingly, we recorded the appropriate valuation allowances on our deferred income tax assets.

## NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

During May 2003, the Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") of the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") released EITF Issue No. 01-8, "Determining Whether an Arrangement Contains a Lease." The new requirements of EITF 01-8 potentially affects companies that sell or purchase products or services through supply, commodity, transportation, and data-processing outsourcing contracts. The guidance in this new release is designed to mandate reporting revenue as rental or leasing income that would otherwise be reported as part of product sales or services revenue. EITF 01-8 requires both parties to an arrangement to determine whether a service contract or similar arrangement includes a lease within the scope of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 13, "Accounting for Leases," which means focusing on agreements conveying the right to use property, plant, or equipment. As the Company is party to a significant outsourcing contract with EDS, this new accounting standard may have a significant impact upon our financial statements. However, our analysis of the potential effects of this new standard has not been completed with respect to our outsourcing and other applicable arrangements.

In May 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 150, "Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Both Liabilities and Equity." The new statement establishes standards for how an issuer classifies and measures certain financial instruments with characteristics of both debt and equity. The provisions of SFAS No. 150 apply to the classification and disclosure requirements for the following three types of financial instruments: Mandatorily Redeemable Instruments, Instruments with Repurchase Obligations, and Instruments with Obligations to Issue a Variable Number of Securities. The new reporting and disclosure requirements of SFAS No. 150 become effective for the first interim period beginning after June 15,2003 or for any covered instruments entered into or modified subsequent to May 31, 2003. The Company has not completed its analysis of the potential impacts from adopting the new reporting requirements of SFAS No. 150 .

During January 2003, the FASB issued Interpretation No. 46, "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities." This interpretation establishes new guidelines for consolidating entities in which a parent company may not have majority voting control, but bears residual economic risks. As a result, certain subsidiaries that were previously not consolidated under the provisions of Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51 may now be required to be consolidated with the parent company. This interpretation applies in the first year or interim period beginning after June 15 , 2003, to variable interest entities in which an enterprise holds a variable interest that it acquired before February 1, 2003. After analysis of the provisions of this interpretation, we do not believe that we have any variable interest subsidiaries that would be consolidated in our financial statements under the guidelines of this interpretation.

In December 2002, the FASB issued SFAS No. 148, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation - Transition and Disclosure." This statement, which is an amendment of SFAS No. 123, provides alternative methods of transition for a voluntary change to the fair value based method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation. In addition, SFAS No. 148 amends the disclosure requirements of SFAS No. 123 to require prominent disclosures in both annual and interim financial statements about the method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation and the effect of the method used on reported financial results. We currently account for our stock-based compensation using the intrinsic value method defined in APB No. 25 and do not currently intend to voluntarily change to the fair value method described in SFAS No. 123. As a result, we do not expect the new guidelines found in SFAS No. 148 to have a material effect upon our financial statements at its adoption. The new interim reporting requirements are effective for interim periods beginning after December 15, 2002 and we have provided the additional required disclosures related to accounting for our stock-based compensation in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q.

In July 2002, President George W. Bush signed the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the "Act") into law. The Act prescribes, among other items, sweeping corporate governance and oversight changes, new reporting responsibilities for internal controls, and requires our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer to certify the accuracy of filed reports. The various provisions of the Act have phase-in provisions and become effective at different times in the future. Subsequent to the signing of the Act into law, we have been actively engaged in defining policies and procedures that will bring us into compliance with the various provisions of the Act. As we implement the various sections of the Act, we have incurred, and may continue to incur, costs associated with additional auditing, legal, and consulting fees in order to ensure compliance with the Act. These additional costs may have a material impact on our operating results.

## ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

## MARKET RISK OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The primary financial instrument risks to which the Company is exposed are fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. To manage risks associated with foreign currency exchange and interest rates, we make limited use of derivative financial instruments. Derivatives are financial instruments that derive their value from one or more underlying financial instruments. As a matter of policy, our derivative instruments are entered into for periods consistent with the related underlying exposures and do not constitute positions that are independent of those exposures. In addition, we do not enter into derivative contracts for trading or speculative purposes, nor are we party to any leveraged derivative instrument. The notional amounts of derivatives do not represent actual amounts exchanged by the parties to the instrument, and, thus, are not a measure of exposure to us through our use of derivatives. Additionally, we enter into derivative agreements only with highly rated counterparties and we do not expect to incur any losses resulting from non-performance by other parties.

## Foreign Currency Sensitivity

Due to the global nature of the Company's operations, we are involved in transactions that are denominated in currencies other than the United States dollar, which creates exposure to foreign currency exchange risk. During the quarter and three quarters ended May 31, 2003, we utilized foreign currency forward contracts to manage the volatility of certain intercompany financing transactions and other transactions that are denominated in foreign currencies. These contracts did not meet specific hedge accounting requirements and corresponding gains and losses on these contracts were recorded as a component of current operations in our condensed consolidated statements of operations. As of May 31, 2003, all of our foreign currency forward contracts were settled. Our use of foreign currency forward contracts resulted in net losses to the Company totaling $\$ 0.1$ million and $\$ 0.5$ million for the quarter and three quarters ended May 31, 2003, compared to a net loss of $\$ 0.1$ million for the quarter ended May 25, 2002 and net gains totaling $\$ 0.4$ million for the three quarters ended May 25, 2002. In future periods, we may continue to use foreign currency forward contracts to manage our foreign currency exchange risks.

## Interest Rate Sensitivity

The Company is exposed to fluctuations in U.S. interest rates primarily as a result of the cash and cash equivalents that we hold. Following payment and termination of our line of credit facility during fiscal 2002, our remaining debt balances consist primarily of fixed-rate long-term mortgages on certain of our buildings and property. The following table summarizes our remaining debt obligations at May 31, 2003. For presentation purposes, the reported interest rates represent weighted average rates on our fixed-rate debt balances (in thousands).

|  | 2003 |  | 2004 |  | 2005 |  | 2006 |  | 2007 | Thereafter |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fixed rate debt | \$ | 22 | \$ | 83 | \$ | 89 | \$ |  |  | \$ | 1,164 |
| Average interest rate |  | 7.17\% |  | 7.32\% |  | 7.36\% |  |  |  |  | 7.39\% |

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Variable rate debt
none
Average interest rate
    n/a
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During the quarter and three quarters ended May 31, 2003, the Company was not party to any interest rate swap or other interest related derivative instrument.

## (a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have reviewed and evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rules 13a-14(c)) as of a date within 90 days before the filing date of this quarterly report on Form 10-Q. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective and timely in providing them with material information required to be disclosed in the reports we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

In October 2002, under the terms and conditions of our outsourcing agreements with EDS, we began implementation of a transition in our warehouse, distribution, and call center computer systems that are owned and operated by EDS. We encountered numerous issues and difficulties associated with implementation of these new systems, the majority of which have been resolved prior to May 31, 2003. Implementation problems associated with our order entry and accounts receivable systems took longer than expected to resolve. These issues have been mitigated through the use of extensive manual processes and procedures. Order entry and accounts receivable issues have slowed our billing processes and have resulted in a higher than anticipated accounts receivable balance at May 31, 2003.
(b) Changes in Internal Controls

There have not been any significant changes in our internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation. There were no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses, and therefore, no corrective actions were taken.

## Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Certain written and oral statements made by the Company or our representatives in this report, other reports, filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, press releases, conferences, Internet webcasts, or otherwise, are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation reform Act of 1995 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements include, without limitation, any statement that may predict, forecast, indicate, or imply future results, performance, or achievements, and may contain words such as "believe," "anticipate," "expect," "estimate," "project," or words or phrases of similar meaning. Forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties are disclosed from time to time in reports filed by us with the SEC, including reports on Forms 8-K, 10-Q, and $10-\mathrm{K}$. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, unanticipated developments in any one or more of the following areas: the risk that our revenues will continue to decline; our ability to reduce costs sufficiently to permit profitable operations at reduced revenue levels; the ability to maintain revenues at a sufficient level to recognize anticipated benefits from the EDS outsourcing agreements; unanticipated costs or capital expenditures; changes in consumer preferences and difficulties in anticipating or forecasting changes in customer preferences or consumer demand for our products and services; difficulties encountered by EDS in implementing, operating, and maintaining our information systems and controls, including without limitation, the systems related to demand and supply planning, inventory control, and order fulfillment; delays or unanticipated outcomes relating to the Company's restructuring and other strategic plans; availability of financing sources; dependence on existing products or services; the rate and consumer acceptance of new product introductions; competition; the number and nature of customers and their product orders, including changes in the timing or mix of product or training orders; pricing of our products and services and those of competitors; adverse publicity; the ability to attract and retain qualified personnel; and other factors which may adversely affect our business.

In recent periods, the Company has faced declining revenues. Our sales for the year ended August 31, 2002 were $\$ 333.0$ million compared to $\$ 439.8$ million in the prior fiscal year. Net sales for the three quarters ended May 31, 2003 were $\$ 240.2$ million, compared to $\$ 258.8$ million for the three quarters ended May 25,2002 . Over these periods, we have substantially reduced our operating expenses. However, if our revenues continue to decline, we may be unable to rapidly reduce operating expenses sufficiently to achieve profitable operations due to contractual obligations and other fixed costs of our business.

While the Company has a broad customer base, we are also subject to variables over which we have no direct control, such as innovations in competing products, changing corporate policies on the part of our customers, and competition from others in the industry. In addition, we are subject to changes in costs of supplies necessary to produce and distribute our products. The Company's business is also subject to seasonal variations and international sales. Sales outside the United States potentially present additional risks such as political, social, and economic instability, as well as currency exchange rate fluctuations.

The risks included here are not exhaustive. Other sections of this report may include additional factors that could adversely affect our business and financial performance. Moreover, we operate in a very competitive and rapidly changing environment. New risk factors may emerge and it is not possible for our management to predict all such risk factors, nor can we assess the impact of all such risk factors on our business or the extent to which any single factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking statements. Given these risks and uncertainties, investors should not rely on forward-looking statements as a prediction of actual results.

The market price of our common stock has been and may remain volatile. In addition, the stock markets in general have recently experienced increased volatility. Factors such as quarter-toquarter variations in revenues and earnings or losses and our failure to meet expectations could have a significant impact on the market price of our common stock. In addition, the price of our common stock can change for reasons unrelated to our performance.

These forward-looking statements are based on management's expectations as of the date made, and the Company does not undertake any responsibility to update any of these statements in the future. Actual future performance and results will differ and may differ materially from that contained in or suggested by these forward-looking statements as a result of the factors set forth in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and elsewhere in our filings with the SEC.

## PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

There have been no material changes from the information previously reported under Item 3 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2002.

On April 14, 2003, the Company announced that we had received notification of non-compliance from the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") regarding our stock price being below $\$ 1.00$ per share and having market capitalization totaling less than the $\$ 15$ million minimum. Subsequent to this notification, we met with the NYSE and submitted a plan that outlined the steps that the Company believes will bring us back into compliance with the NYSE listing standards within the required timeframe of six months. Our plan that was submitted to achieve compliance with the NYSE listing standards was reviewed by the NYSE and accepted on April 22, 2003. With that acceptance, the NYSE has extended to the Company a six-month period to achieve the minimum $\$ 1.00$ per share common stock price and 18 months to exceed the minimum market capitalization requirement. Subsequent to May 31, 2003 our common stock has traded over $\$ 1.00$ per share and our market capitalization has exceeded $\$ 15$ million. However, in the event that the price of our common stock does not remain above $\$ 1.00$ per share and our market capitalization does not exceed $\$ 15$ million within the required periods, the trading of our common stock may be suspended and delisted from the NYSE. In that event, our common stock would most likely trade on an alternate venue, which may adversely affect the price of our common stock and the liquidity in the market for our common stock.

On July 11, 2003, we filed a current report on Form 8-K to announce our earnings release for the quarter and three quarters ended May 31, 2003.

## 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.
FRANKLIN COVEY CO.

Date: July 14, 2003

Date: July 14, 2003

By: /s/ ROBERT A. WHITMAN
Robert A. Whitman
Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ STEPHEN D. YOUNG

## CERTIFICATION OF THE CEO

I, Robert A. Whitman, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Franklin Covey Co.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this quarterly report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this quarterly report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and have:
a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;
b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this quarterly report (the "Evaluation Date"); and
c) presented in this quarterly report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and
6. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have indicated in this quarterly report whether there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses

Date: July 14, 2003
/s/ ROBERT A. WHITMAN
Robert A. Whitman
Chief Executive Officer

## CERTIFICATION OF THE CFO

I, Stephen D. Young, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Franklin Covey Co.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this quarterly report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this quarterly report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules $13 \mathrm{~B}-$ 14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and have:
a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;
b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this quarterly report (the "Evaluation Date"); and
c) presented in this quarterly report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and
6. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have indicated in this quarterly report whether there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses

Date: July 14, 2003
/s/ STEPHEN D. YOUNG
Stephen D. Young
Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as created by Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the following certifications were made to accompany the Form 10-Q:

## CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF FRANKLIN COVEY PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. § 1350

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. $\S 1350$ and in connection with the accompanying report on Form 10-Q for the period ended May 31, 2003 that is being filed concurrently with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned officer of Franklin Covey Co. (the "Company") hereby certifies that, to my knowledge:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company

July 14, 2003

> /s/ ROBERT A. WHITMAN

Robert A. Whitman
Chief Executive Officer

The above certification is furnished solely to accompany the Report pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. 1350) and is not being filed as part of the Form 10-Q or as a separate disclosure statement.

## CERTIFICATION OF <br> CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER <br> OF FRANKLIN COVEY <br> PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. § 1350

 Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned officer of Franklin Covey Co. (the "Company") hereby certifies that, to my knowledge:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company

July 14, 2003
/s/ STEPHEN D. YOUNG

Stephen D. Young
Chief Financial Officer
 a separate disclosure statement.

