CATO CORP Form 8-K November 17, 2005

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 450 Fifth Street NW Washington, D.C. 29549 Form 8-K CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): <u>November 15, 2005</u> THE CATO CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

1-31340

56-0484485

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

28273-5975

(Zip Code)

8100 Denmark Road, Charlotte, North Carolina

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(704) 554-8510

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

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

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

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 15, 2005, The Cato Corporation issued a press release regarding its financial results for the third quarter ending October 29, 2005. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release issued November 15, 2005

SIGNATURES

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

THE CATO CORPORATION

November 17, 2005 Date	/s/ John P. Derham Cato John P. Derham Cato
	Chairman, President and
	Chief Executive Officer
November 17, 2005	/s/ Michael O. Moore
Date	Michael O. Moore
	Executive Vice President
	Chief Financial Officer and Secretary
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