BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC Form 8-K February 19, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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) February 11, 2003

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC. \_\_\_\_\_

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE	File No. 1-8989	13-3286161

(State or other (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer jurisdiction of incorporation)

Identification Number)

383 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10179 \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ (Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 272-2000 \_\_\_\_\_

Not Applicable

\_\_\_\_\_ (former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 5. Other Events \_\_\_\_\_

The Capitalization table of The Bear Stearns Companies Inc. (the "Company") filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto replaces the Capitalization table set forth on page S-12 of the Prospectus Supplement, dated February 11, 2003, to the Prospectus, dated January 25, 2002, filed by the Company pursuant to Rule 424(b)(5) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, on February 13, 2003, and is incorporated by reference into the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-76894).

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

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(a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired:

Not applicable.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information:

Not applicable.

(c) Exhibits:

The following exhibit is incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-76894) as an exhibit to such Registration Statement:

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## SIGNATURES

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

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.

By: /s/ Marshall J Levinson

Marshall J Levinson Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)

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Dated: February 18, 2003

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