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) April 8, 2003

Mercantile Bankshares Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 0-5127 (State or other (Commission

52-0898572 (IRS Employer

jurisdiction of incorporation) File Number)

Identification No.)

Two Hopkins Plaza, P.O. Box 1477, Baltimore, MD (Address of principal executive office)

21203 (Zip Code)

 $(410) \ 237-5900$

Registrant s telephone number, including area code

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Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

This is an optional filing made to disclose the event reported below. It is not a filing required by Regulation FD.

On April 8, 2003, Edward J. Kelly III, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of the registrant, presented information on the registrant at SunTrust Robinson Humphrey s 32 Annual Institutional Conference in Atlanta. A copy of the presentation package is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. The transcript of the audio presentation is attached as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibits

- 99.1 Presentation package for April 8, 2003 conference.
- 99.2 Transcript of audio presentation at April 8, 2003 conference.

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	<u>Signatures</u>	
Pursuant to the requirements of the Sec undersigned thereunto duly authorized.		t has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the
	Mercantile Bankshares (Corporation
	(Registrant)	
Date: April 8, 2003	Ву:	/s/ Terry L. Troupe
		Terry L. Troupe
		Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer