

MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORP  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 10-Q**

(MARK ONE)

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

For the Quarterly Period Ended June 30, 2003

OR

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number 0-5127

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**MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORPORATION**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

52-0898572

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\_\_\_\_\_  
(State or other jurisdiction of

\_\_\_\_\_  
(I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

**2 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, Maryland**

**21201**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address of principal executive offices)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Zip code)

**(410) 237-5900**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 12b-2). Yes  No

**APPLICABLE ONLY TO CORPORATE ISSUERS:**

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practical date. As of July 18, 2003, registrant had outstanding 69,102,971 shares of Common Stock.

## PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1. Financial Statements (Unaudited)

## MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORPORATION

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	June 30, 2003	December 31, 2002	June 30, 2002
<i>(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)</i>			
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and due from banks	\$ 350,833	\$ 281,130	\$ 275,500
Interest-bearing deposits in other banks	258	358	358
Federal funds sold	324,274	264,293	5,511
Securities purchased under resale agreements	100,000		
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>775,365</u>	<u>545,781</u>	<u>281,369</u>
Investment securities available-for-sale (Note 3)	2,692,101	2,511,192	2,362,330
Investment securities held-to-maturity (Note 3)	51,189	53,391	54,013
Loans held-for-sale	85,740		46,466
Loans:			
Commercial	4,460,639	4,317,263	4,171,083
Construction	887,237	810,985	751,193
Residential real estate	1,092,785	1,066,694	1,079,004
Consumer	1,031,760	1,014,905	1,005,328
Lease financing	88,510	102,180	128,285
Total loans	<u>7,560,931</u>	<u>7,312,027</u>	<u>7,134,893</u>
Less: allowance for loan losses	<u>(142,261)</u>	<u>(138,601)</u>	<u>(135,394)</u>
Loans, net	<u>7,418,670</u>	<u>7,173,426</u>	<u>6,999,499</u>
Bank premises and equipment, less accumulated depreciation of \$124,171 (2003), \$119,666 (December 2002) and \$114,100 (June 2002)	104,099	102,428	100,892
Other real estate owned, net	376	132	63
Goodwill, net	119,730	102,705	102,705
Other intangible assets, net (Note 6)	16,107	7,530	8,510
Other assets	<u>232,924</u>	<u>293,791</u>	<u>203,387</u>

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Total assets	<b>\$ 11,496,301</b>	\$ 10,790,376	\$ 10,159,234
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Deposits:			
Noninterest-bearing deposits	<b>\$ 2,276,408</b>	\$ 2,086,745	\$ 1,937,270
Interest-bearing deposits	<b>6,359,166</b>	6,174,195	5,770,906
Total deposits	<b>8,635,574</b>	8,260,940	7,708,176
Short-term borrowings	<b>816,309</b>	823,385	806,957
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	<b>90,291</b>	94,479	93,301
Long-term debt	<b>578,533</b>	287,214	268,713
Total liabilities	<b>10,120,707</b>	9,466,018	8,877,147
<b>SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY</b>			
Preferred stock, no par value; authorized 2,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding	None		
Common stock, \$2 par value; authorized 130,000,000 shares; issued			
shares 69,093,254 (2003), 68,836,092 (December 2002) and 69,763,663 (June 2002);			
restricted shares 171,369 (2003), 76,250 (December 2002) and 66,250 (June 2002)	<b>138,187</b>	137,672	139,527
Capital surplus	<b>128,714</b>	120,577	157,222
Retained earnings	<b>1,063,381</b>	1,010,248	954,506
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	<b>45,312</b>	55,861	30,832
Total shareholders equity	<b>1,375,594</b>	1,324,358	1,282,087
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	<b>\$ 11,496,301</b>	\$ 10,790,376	\$ 10,159,234

See notes to consolidated financial statements

Mercantile Bankshares Corporation

## MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORPORATION

## STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED INCOME

	<i>For the 6 Months</i>		<i>For the 3 Months</i>	
	<i>Ended June 30,</i> <b>2003</b>	<i>2002</i>	<i>Ended June 30,</i> <b>2003</b>	<i>2002</i>
<i>(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)</i>				
<b>INTEREST INCOME</b>				
Interest and fees on loans	<b>\$ 222,954</b>	\$ 233,822	<b>\$ 111,962</b>	\$ 117,124
Interest and dividends on investment securities:				
Taxable interest income	<b>53,822</b>	54,991	<b>26,638</b>	27,707
Tax-exempt interest income	<b>964</b>	959	<b>497</b>	479
Dividends	<b>428</b>	542	<b>199</b>	259
Other investment income	<b>2,882</b>	104	<b>2,318</b>	52
	<b>58,096</b>	56,596	<b>29,652</b>	28,497
Other interest income	<b>2,040</b>	2,667	<b>1,314</b>	1,002
Total interest income	<b>283,090</b>	293,085	<b>142,928</b>	146,623
<b>INTEREST EXPENSE</b>				
Interest on deposits	<b>48,579</b>	63,609	<b>23,450</b>	30,475
Interest on short-term borrowings	<b>3,014</b>	6,240	<b>1,469</b>	2,928
Interest on long-term debt	<b>7,648</b>	5,623	<b>5,286</b>	2,795
Total interest expense	<b>59,241</b>	75,472	<b>30,205</b>	36,198
<b>NET INTEREST INCOME</b>	<b>223,849</b>	217,613	<b>112,723</b>	110,425
Provision for loan losses	<b>6,067</b>	8,199	<b>3,051</b>	5,116
<b>NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES</b>	<b>217,782</b>	209,414	<b>109,672</b>	105,309
<b>NONINTEREST INCOME</b>				
Investment and wealth management	<b>36,873</b>	34,355	<b>19,508</b>	17,828
Service charges on deposit accounts	<b>16,371</b>	15,189	<b>8,311</b>	7,726
Mortgage banking related fees	<b>4,895</b>	5,089	<b>2,507</b>	1,915
Investment securities gains and (losses)	<b>7,351</b>	1,049	<b>6,536</b>	1,051
Other income	<b>17,800</b>	15,962	<b>8,575</b>	8,285
Total noninterest income	<b>83,290</b>	71,644	<b>45,437</b>	36,805
<b>NONINTEREST EXPENSES</b>				
Salaries	<b>70,732</b>	66,016	<b>36,317</b>	34,066
Employee benefits	<b>18,747</b>	16,600	<b>9,319</b>	8,069
Net occupancy expense of bank premises	<b>8,315</b>	7,969	<b>4,219</b>	4,064

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Furniture and equipment expenses	13,542	12,059	6,743	5,627
Communications and supplies	6,617	6,663	3,181	3,407
Other expenses	28,877	24,814	17,270	12,697
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Total noninterest expenses	146,830	134,121	77,049	67,930
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Income before income taxes	154,242	146,937	78,060	74,184
Applicable income taxes	55,246	53,817	28,050	27,239
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<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 98,996</b>	<b>\$ 93,120</b>	<b>\$ 50,010</b>	<b>\$ 46,945</b>
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<b>NET INCOME PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK (Note 2):</b>				
Basic	\$ 1.44	\$ 1.33	\$ .73	\$ .67
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Diluted	\$ 1.43	\$ 1.32	\$ .72	\$ .67
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**MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORPORATION**  
**STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOWS**

<i>Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents (Dollars in thousands)</i>	<i>For the 6 Months Ended June 30,</i>	
	<b>2003</b>	2002
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net income	\$ 98,996	\$ 93,120
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Provision for loan losses	6,067	8,199
Depreciation and amortization	6,331	6,399
Amortization of other intangible assets	1,409	1,050
Investment securities (gains) and losses	(7,351)	(1,049)
Write-downs of investments in private equity funds	188	1,060
Write-downs of other real estate owned		2
Gains on sales of other real estate owned	(268)	(43)
Gains on sales of buildings	(228)	(350)
Net (increase) decrease in assets:		
Interest receivable	5,036	(663)
Other receivables	(7,564)	(42,050)
Other assets	236	2,415
Loans held-for-sale	(85,740)	91,484
Net increase (decrease) in liabilities:		
Interest payable	921	(8,698)
Accrued expenses	(2,182)	(8,844)
Taxes payable	(4,094)	(10,352)
	11,757	131,680
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>11,757</b>	<b>131,680</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Proceeds from maturities of investment securities held-to-maturity	4,603	928
Proceeds from maturities of investment securities available-for-sale	439,129	286,822
Proceeds from sales of investment securities available-for-sale	399,958	53,039
Purchases of investment securities held-to-maturity	(2,401)	(2,672)
Purchases of investment securities available-for-sale	(954,481)	(405,160)
Net increase in customer loans	(251,555)	(242,935)
Proceeds from sales of other real estate owned	268	179
Capital expenditures	(8,376)	(6,221)
Proceeds from sales of buildings	602	575
Acquisition of asset management and brokerage companies	(28,530)	
Other investing activity	(1,085)	(8,766)
	(401,868)	(324,211)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(401,868)</b>	<b>(324,211)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net increase in noninterest-bearing deposits	189,663	53,392
Net increase in checking plus interest and savings accounts	150,951	241,530
Net increase (decrease) in certificates of deposit	34,020	(34,118)
Net decrease in short-term borrowings	(7,076)	(46,321)
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	300,000	

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Repayment of long-term debt	<b>(8,400)</b>	(8,300)
Proceeds from issuance of shares	<b>4,114</b>	4,329
Repurchase of common shares	<b>(212)</b>	(10,546)
Dividends paid	<b>(43,365)</b>	(40,413)
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Net cash provided by financing activities	<b>619,695</b>	159,553
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Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	<b>229,584</b>	(32,978)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	<b>545,781</b>	314,347
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<b>\$ 775,365</b>	\$ 281,369
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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN CONSOLIDATED SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2003 AND 2002

<i>(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)</i>	Total	Common Stock	Capital Surplus	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2001	\$ 1,230,206	\$ 139,551	\$ 159,947	\$ 904,479	\$ 26,229
Net income	93,120			93,120	
Unrealized gains (losses) on securities available-for-sale, net of reclassification adjustment, net of taxes	4,603				4,603
Comprehensive income	97,723				
Cash dividends paid:					
Common stock (\$.58 per share)	(40,413)			(40,413)	
Issuance of 53,466 shares for dividend reinvestment and stock purchase plan	1,892	107	1,785		
Issuance of 11,261 shares for employee stock purchase dividend reinvestment plan	469	22	447		
Issuance of 114,976 shares for employee stock option plan	1,968	230	1,738		
Issuance of 66,250 shares for restricted stock awards	2,981	133	2,848		
Deferred compensation restricted stock awards	(2,680)			(2,680)	
Purchase of 258,000 shares under stock repurchase plan	(10,546)	(516)	(10,030)		
Vested stock options	487		487		
BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2002	\$ 1,282,087	\$ 139,527	\$ 157,222	\$ 954,506	\$ 30,832
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2002	\$ 1,324,358	\$ 137,672	\$ 120,577	\$ 1,010,248	\$ 55,861
Net income	98,996			98,996	
Unrealized gains (losses) on securities available-for-sale, net of reclassification adjustment, net of taxes (Note 7)	(10,549)				(10,549)
Comprehensive income	88,447				
Cash dividends paid:					
Common stock (\$.63 per share)	(43,365)			(43,365)	
Issuance of 60,823 shares for dividend reinvestment and stock purchase plan	2,119	122	1,997		
Issuance of 12,249 shares for employee stock purchase dividend reinvestment plan	455	25	430		
Issuance of 89,053 shares for employee stock option plan	1,540	177	1,363		

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Issuance of 100,537 shares for restricted stock awards	3,561	202	3,359		
Deferred compensation restricted stock awards	(2,498)			(2,498)	
Purchase of 5,500 shares under stock repurchase plan	(212)	(11)	(201)		
Vested stock options	1,189		1,189		
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<b>BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2003</b>	<b>\$ 1,375,594</b>	<b>\$ 138,187</b>	<b>\$ 128,714</b>	<b>\$ 1,063,381</b>	<b>\$ 45,312</b>
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**MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORPORATION**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1. Basis of Presentation**

The consolidated financial statements, which include the accounts of Mercantile Bankshares Corporation (Bankshares) and all of its affiliates, are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and follow general practice within the banking industry. In the opinion of management, the consolidated financial statements include all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the interim period. These adjustments are of a normal recurring nature and include adjustments to eliminate all significant intercompany transactions. In view of the changing conditions in the national economy, the effect of actions taken by regulatory authorities and normal seasonal factors, the results for the interim period are not necessarily indicative of annual performance. For comparability, certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform with current period presentation.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the disclosure of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. These estimates and assumptions are based on information available as of the date of the financial statements and could differ from actual results.

**2. Earnings Per Share**

Basic earnings per share (EPS) is computed by dividing income available to common shareholders by weighted average common shares outstanding. Diluted EPS is computed using the same components as in basic EPS with the denominator adjusted for the dilutive effect of stock options and restricted stock awards. The following tables provide a reconciliation between the computation of basic EPS and diluted EPS for the six months and quarters ended June 30, 2003 and 2002:

*For the 6 Months Ended June 30,*

	2003			2002		
	Net Income	Weighted Average Common Shares	EPS	Net Income	Weighted Average Common Shares	EPS
<i>(In thousands, except per share data)</i>						
Basic EPS	<b>\$98,996</b>	<b>68,815</b>	<b>\$ 1.44</b>	\$93,120	69,807	\$ 1.33
Dilutive effect of stock options and restricted stock awards		<b>438</b>			559	
Diluted EPS	<b>\$ 98,996</b>	<b>69,253</b>	<b>\$ 1.43</b>	\$93,120	70,366	\$ 1.32

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For the 3 Months Ended June 30,

	2003			2002		
	Net Income	Weighted Average Common Shares	EPS	Net Income	Weighted Average Common Shares	EPS
<i>(In thousands, except per share data)</i>						
Basic EPS	\$50,010	68,860	\$ .73	\$46,945	69,793	\$ .67
Dilutive effect of stock options and restricted stock awards		458			529	
Diluted EPS	\$50,010	69,318	\$ .72	\$46,945	70,322	\$ .67

Antidilutive options and awards excluded in the computation of diluted earnings per share were 238,838 and 108,046 for year-to-date June 30, 2003 and 2002, respectively, and 249,978 and 237,125 for quarter-to-date June 30, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

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### 3. Investment Securities

The amortized cost and fair value of investment securities at June 30, 2003, December 31, 2002 and June 30, 2002, are shown below:

	June 30, 2003		December 31, 2002		June 30, 2002	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>						
<b>Securities available-for-sale</b>						
U.S. Treasury	\$ 950,507	\$ 988,831	\$ 1,375,703	\$ 1,421,890	\$ 1,465,056	\$ 1,491,036
U.S. Government agencies	657,177	685,061	695,970	727,627	638,911	655,122
Mortgage-backed securities	927,625	933,508	341,805	348,323	199,715	200,430
States and political subdivisions	449	477	549	577	649	673
Other investments	83,694	84,224	7,683	12,775	7,893	15,069
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,619,452</b>	<b>\$ 2,692,101</b>	<b>\$ 2,421,710</b>	<b>\$ 2,511,192</b>	<b>\$ 2,312,224</b>	<b>\$ 2,362,330</b>
<b>Securities held-to-maturity</b>						
States and political subdivisions	\$ 36,224	\$ 39,239	\$ 38,299	\$ 41,150	\$ 38,552	\$ 40,916
Other investments	14,965	14,965	15,092	15,092	15,461	15,461
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 51,189</b>	<b>\$ 54,204</b>	<b>\$ 53,391</b>	<b>\$ 56,242</b>	<b>\$ 54,013</b>	<b>\$ 56,377</b>

### 4. Impaired Loans

A loan is considered impaired, based on current information and events, if it is probable that Bankshares will not collect all principal and interest payments according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Generally, a loan is considered impaired once either principal or interest payments become 90 days past due at the end of a calendar quarter. A loan may be considered impaired sooner if, in management's judgment, such action is warranted. The impairment of a loan is measured based on the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate, or the fair value of the collateral if the repayment is expected to be provided predominantly by the underlying collateral. A majority of Bankshares' impaired loans are measured by reference to the fair value of the collateral. Accrued interest on impaired loans is reversed and is recognized on the cash basis. Information with respect to impaired loans and the related valuation allowance (if the measure of the impaired loan is less than the recorded investment) at June 30 and March 31, 2003 and at the end of December 2002, is shown below. See Form 10-K for more details.

	June 30, 2003	March 31, 2003	December 31, 2002
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>			
Impaired loans with a specific valuation allowance	\$ 18,523	\$ 8,189	\$ 13,751
All other impaired loans	15,066	15,865	16,813

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Total impaired loans	<u>\$ 33,589</u>	<u>\$ 24,054</u>	<u>\$ 30,564</u>
Specific allowance for loan losses applicable to impaired loans	<u>\$ 8,840</u>	<u>\$ 4,857</u>	<u>\$ 5,251</u>
Allowance for loan losses applicable to other than impaired loans	<u>133,421</u>	<u>135,570</u>	<u>133,350</u>
Total allowance for loan losses	<u>\$ 142,261</u>	<u>\$ 140,427</u>	<u>\$ 138,601</u>
Year-to-date interest income on impaired loans recorded on the cash basis	<u>\$ 155</u>	<u>\$ 97</u>	<u>\$ 563</u>
Year-to-date average recorded investment in impaired loans during the period	<u>\$ 26,438</u>	<u>\$ 24,054</u>	<u>\$ 53,777</u>
Quarter-to-date interest income on impaired loans recorded on the cash basis	<u>\$ 58</u>	<u>\$ 97</u>	<u>\$ 143</u>
Quarter-to-date average recorded investment in impaired loans during the period	<u>\$ 28,822</u>	<u>\$ 24,054</u>	<u>\$ 44,263</u>

**Note:** Impaired loans do not include large groups of smaller balance homogeneous loans that are evaluated collectively for impairment (e.g., residential mortgages and consumer installment loans). The allowance for loan losses related to these loans is included in the allowance for loan losses applicable to other than impaired loans.

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## 5. Commitments

Various commitments to extend credit (lines of credit) are made in the normal course of banking business. Total unused lines of credit approximated \$2,762,800,000, \$2,984,302,000 and \$2,865,317,000 at June 30, 2003, December 31, 2002 and June 30, 2002, respectively. The lines of credit commitments are shown here at fair value. These amounts are not recorded on the books of Bankshares. In addition, letters of credit are issued for the benefit of customers by affiliated banks. Outstanding letters of credit were \$245,200,000 at June 30, 2003, \$241,142,000 at December 31, 2002 and \$217,627,000 at June 30, 2002. The fees received for issuing letters of credit are deferred and amortized over the term of the commitment. The letters of credit at June 30, 2003 had a carrying value of \$430,000 representing unamortized fees.

Bankshares mortgage banking subsidiary, as a Fannie Mae Delegated Underwriting and Servicing lender, has a loss sharing arrangement with Fannie Mae. The unamortized principal balance of the underlying loans totaled \$123,578,000 at June 30, 2003. No carrying value has been established for possible losses since there have been no losses recognized during the six-year history of the arrangement and none are expected as of June 30, 2003.

The mortgage subsidiary has also originated and sold loans with recourse. The unamortized amount of principal balance of loans with recourse totaled \$2,844,000 at June 30, 2003.

Bankshares has committed to invest funds in third-party private equity investments. At June 30, 2003, December 31, 2002 and June 30, 2002, \$17,981,000, \$15,243,000 and \$12,893,000, respectively, remained unfunded.

## 6. Intangible Assets

The following table discloses the gross carrying amount and accumulated amortization of intangible assets subject to amortization at June 30, 2003 and December 31, 2002:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	June 30, 2003			December 31, 2002		
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Amount	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Amount
Deposit intangibles	\$ 13,846	\$ (7,313)	\$ 6,533	\$ 13,846	\$ (6,581)	\$ 7,265
Mortgage servicing rights	1,341	(1,275)	66	1,543	(1,282)	261
Other	10,110	(602)	9,508	50	(46)	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 25,297</b>	<b>\$ (9,190)</b>	<b>\$ 16,107</b>	<b>\$ 15,439</b>	<b>\$ (7,909)</b>	<b>\$ 7,530</b>



respectively. Management believes that, as of June 30, 2003, Bankshares and its bank affiliates exceeded all capital adequacy requirements to which they are subject and are well capitalized.

Capital ratios and the amounts used to calculate them are presented in the following table for Bankshares and Mercantile Safe Deposit & Trust Company (MSD&T), the lead bank, as of June 30, 2003 and December 31, 2002.

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	June 30, 2003		December 31, 2002	
	Bankshares	MSD&T	Bankshares	MSD&T
Tier I capital	\$ 1,187,499	\$ 416,202	\$ 1,151,831	\$ 430,375
Total risk-based capital	1,589,195	460,547	1,250,550	473,185
Net risk-weighted assets	8,224,156	3,540,131	7,677,476	3,407,691
Adjusted average total assets	10,810,386	4,463,269	10,281,071	4,246,480
Tier I capital ratio	14.44%	11.76%	15.00%	12.63%
Total capital ratio	19.32%	13.01%	16.29%	13.89%
Leverage ratio	10.98%	9.33%	11.20%	10.13%

## 9. Segment Reporting

Operating segments are defined as components of an enterprise about which separate financial information is available that management relies on for decision making and performance assessment. Bankshares has three reportable segments – its nineteen Community Banks, the Banking Division of Mercantile Safe Deposit & Trust Company (MSD&T) and the Investment and Wealth Management (IWM) Division of MSD&T.

The following tables present selected segment information for the six months ended June 30, 2003 and 2002. The components in the Other column consist of amounts for the nonbank affiliates and intercompany eliminations. Certain expense amounts such as operations overhead have been reclassified from internal financial reporting in order to provide for full cost absorption. These reclassifications are shown in the Adjustments line.

### For the 6 Months Ended June 30, 2003

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	MSD&T Banking	MSD&T IWM	Total MSD&T	Community Banks	Other	Total
Net interest income	\$ 71,489	\$	\$ 71,489	\$ 153,503	\$ (1,143)	\$ 223,849
Provision for loan losses	(2,958)		(2,958)	(3,109)		(6,067)
Noninterest income	21,592	37,164	58,756	31,542	(7,008)	83,290
Noninterest expenses	(43,929)	(30,426)	(74,355)	(78,352)	5,877	(146,830)
Adjustments	7,763	(1,559)	6,204	(3,220)	(2,984)	

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Income (loss) before income taxes	53,957	5,179	59,136	100,364	(5,258)	154,242
Income tax (expense) benefit	(19,443)	(2,072)	(21,515)	(34,637)	906	(55,246)
Net income (loss)	\$ 34,514	\$ 3,107	\$ 37,621	\$ 65,727	\$ (4,352)	\$ 98,996
Average assets			\$ 4,326,291	\$ 6,624,800	\$ (170,717)	\$ 10,780,374
Average equity			454,182	843,198	12,517	1,309,897

For the 6 Months Ended June 30, 2002

(Dollars in thousands)	MSD&T		Total MSD&T	Community Banks	Other	Total
	Banking	IWM				
Net interest income	\$ 72,868	\$	\$ 72,868	\$ 145,981	\$ (1,236)	\$ 217,613
Provision for loan losses	(4,665)		(4,665)	(3,534)		(8,199)
Noninterest income	21,006	34,154	55,160	24,146	(7,662)	71,644
Noninterest expenses	(46,283)	(21,505)	(67,788)	(74,112)	7,779	(134,121)
Adjustments	8,713	(663)	8,050	(4,372)	(3,678)	
Income (loss) before income taxes	51,639	11,986	63,625	88,109	(4,797)	146,937
Income tax (expense) benefit	(18,664)	(4,795)	(23,459)	(30,879)	521	(53,817)
Net income (loss)	\$ 32,975	\$ 7,191	\$ 40,166	\$ 57,230	\$ (4,276)	\$ 93,120
Average assets			\$ 4,026,306	\$ 6,040,205	\$ (213,191)	\$ 9,853,320
Average equity			430,442	755,304	55,318	1,241,064

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## 10. Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

Bankshares maintains an overall interest rate risk management strategy that incorporates the use of derivative instruments to minimize significant unplanned fluctuations in earnings that are caused by interest rate volatility. Derivative instruments that are used as part of the interest rate risk management strategy have been restricted to interest rate swaps. Interest rate swaps generally involve the exchange of fixed-rate and variable-rate interest payments between two parties, based on a common notional principal amount and maturity date. Bankshares has entered into interest rate swaps to convert fixed-rate loans made to borrowers to floating-rate loans and convert its nonprepayable fixed-rate debt to floating-rate debt.

The fair value of derivative instruments recorded in other assets was \$18,303,000 (notional \$203,157,000) and \$11,424,000 (notional \$203,190,000) at June 30, 2003 and December 31, 2002, respectively. The fair value of derivative instruments recorded in other liabilities was \$2,512,000 (notional \$100,000,000) and \$0 at June 30, 2003 and December 31, 2002, respectively. For the six months ended June 30, 2003, Bankshares recognized a net gain of \$42,000, included in interest and fees on loans, which represented the ineffective portion of the fair-value hedge of fixed-rate loans made to borrowers. For the year ended December 31, 2002, Bankshares recognized a net loss of \$40,000. The fair-value hedges of nonrepayable fixed-rate debt was 100% effective for the reported periods.

## 11. Stock-based Compensation Expense

Bankshares has several stock-based compensation programs for its directors, management and employees. These programs include the use of stock options, restricted stock awards and phantom stock. The compensation costs associated with Bankshares Omnibus Stock Plans and the granting of restricted stock awards are included in salaries expense. The costs associated with Bankshares deferred directors compensation plan is included in professional fees as part of other expenses on the income statement. These amounts are summarized in the table below:

	<i>For the 6 Months</i>		<i>For the 3 Months</i>	
	<i>Ended June 30,</i>		<i>Ended June 30,</i>	
	<b>2003</b>	2002	<b>2003</b>	2002
Option related expense	<b>\$ 865</b>	\$ 712	<b>\$ 406</b>	\$ 408
Restricted stock award expense	<b>922</b>	299	<b>604</b>	299
Sub-total included in salaries expense	<b>1,787</b>	1,011	<b>1,010</b>	707
Directors deferred compensation expense	<b>314</b>	(191)	<b>989</b>	(290)
Total stock-based compensation expense	<b>\$ 2,101</b>	\$ 820	<b>\$ 1,999</b>	\$ 417

## 12. Acquisitions and Merger Related Expenses

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In March and April 2003, Bankshares acquired, in separate transactions, Boyd Watterson Asset Management, LLC, an investment management firm and Peremel & Company, a directed and discount brokerage company. In the aggregate, the companies were purchased for approximately \$29 million in cash. The Boyd Watterson acquisition has a potential additional contingent purchase payment of up to \$8.6 million. The contingent payment will be recorded when amounts are resolved and become payable three years from the acquisition date. Bankshares finalized and recorded approximately \$10.1 million of identified intangibles, mostly client relationships, as a result of these acquisitions. These intangibles are being amortized on a straight line basis over a range of 3 to 8 years. Goodwill recorded on these transactions totaled approximately \$17.0 million at June 30, 2003.

On July 8, 2003, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System approved the application by Bankshares to merge with F&M Bancorp. The Federal Reserve Board also approved the application by F&M Bancorp's bank subsidiary, Farmers & Mechanics Bank, to merge with Fredericktown Bank & Trust Company, a Bankshares subsidiary. The merger between Bankshares and F&M Bancorp is subject to approval by state regulators and the shareholders of F&M Bancorp. The shareholders meeting to approve the F&M Bancorp transaction will occur on August 6, 2003. Provided that state bank regulators and shareholders approve the transaction, it is expected that the merger closing for the holding companies will occur on August 12, 2003.

For the six months ended June 30, 2003, merger related expenses totaled \$825,000 which was all paid for professional services rendered in connection with the acquisition of F&M Bancorp and is included in other expenses. There were no such expenses in the prior year. The comparable costs for the second quarter 2003 were \$775,000.

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**Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations****MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORPORATION****Consolidated Financial Results**

Net income for the quarter ended June 30, 2003 was \$50,010,000, a 6.5% increase from net income of \$46,945,000 for the same period in 2002. For the quarter ended June 30, 2003, diluted net income per share was \$.72, an increase of 7.5% over the \$.67 reported for the second quarter last year. The increase in earnings per share was favorably impacted by a decline in weighted average shares outstanding from 70,322,000 for the quarter ended June 30, 2002, to 69,318,000 for the quarter ended June 30, 2003.

For the first six months of 2003, net income was \$98,996,000, an increase of 6.3% over the \$93,120,000 reported for the comparable period in 2002. Diluted net income per share for the first half of 2003 was \$1.43, an 8.3% increase over the \$1.32 reported for the same period last year.

For the six months ended June 30, 2003 return on average assets was 1.85%, return on average equity was 15.24% and average equity to average assets was 12.15%. Comparable performance ratios for the first half of 2002 were 1.91% for return on average assets, 15.13% for return on average equity and 12.60% for average equity to average assets. Management believes that reporting several key measures based on tangible equity (equity less goodwill) is important, as this is the basis for measuring the adequacy of capital for regulatory purposes. For the six months ended June 30, 2003 the ratio of average tangible equity to average tangible assets was 11.22% as compared to 11.67% for the same period last year. The return on average tangible equity for the six months ended June 30, 2003 and 2002 was 16.68% and 16.50%, respectively. (See page 17 for a reconciliation of non-GAAP measures.)

**Net Interest Income and Net Interest Margin**

Net interest income for the quarter ended June 30, 2003 increased 2.1% to \$112,723,000 from \$110,425,000 for the second quarter last year. Net interest income is affected by both changes in the level of interest rates and changes in the amount and composition of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. The Rate/Volume Analysis on page 20 presents further details supporting this discussion. The growth in net interest income was attributable to the growth in average earning assets, particularly investment securities. Average investment securities increased 12.0% to \$2,637,699,000 compared to \$2,354,177,000 in the prior year, and increased 2.4% since last quarter. Average total loans increased 6.9% to \$7,513,576,000 compared to the prior year and 2.1% (8.4% annualized) from the first quarter 2003 average. While the growth in the average loan portfolio shows signs of improvement, the local economy remains anemic. The one exception has been construction, especially residential, which is reflected in the 23.9% growth in the average construction loan portfolio. Average commercial loans grew 6.4% over the prior year's average, while consumer and residential real estate loans were up slightly.

On a year-over-year basis, the net interest margin declined by 36 basis points (bp) from 4.74% to 4.38%. Eighteen basis points of this decline is attributable to the reduced benefit derived from noninterest-bearing funding sources, such as demand deposits and capital. The positive effect of these funds declined from 62 bp in 2002 to 44 bp in 2003. The net interest spread, the differential between the yield on earning assets and the expense rate paid on interest bearing liabilities, declined 18 bp from the second quarter 2002 and 17 bp from the first quarter this year. Until this

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quarter, the net interest spread had steadily improved since falling to a low of 3.71% during the second quarter 2001. The decline in the net interest spread is primarily attributable to the issuance of \$300 million of subordinated debt on April 15, 2003. Because a substantial portion of the proceeds from the debt issuance will be used to fund various aspects of the acquisition of F&M Bancorp, which is expected to occur in mid-August 2003, the funds are temporarily being invested in short-term liquid assets. The impact on net interest spread resulted from a reduction in net interest income coupled with an increase in average earning assets. The average outstanding balance during the quarter for the debt and temporary investments was \$251,580,000. The interest income produced by the temporary investments was \$743,000 while the interest expense on the debt was \$2,919,000, resulting in a reduction in net interest income of \$2,176,000. Partially offsetting this impact was the increased income from other investments, which increased by \$1,754,000 from the first quarter.

The company is asset sensitive, with assets repricing more quickly than liabilities in response to changes in interest rates. As a result, Mercantile's net interest margin tends to compress and growth in net interest income tends to slow in a falling interest rate environment, which has been occurring since the first quarter 2001. Prior to the close of the second quarter 2003, the Federal Reserve reduced short-term interest rates by 25 bp. Management's ability to offset the effect of this and any further reductions in short-term interest rates by the Federal Reserve may be limited by, among other factors, the growth in

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loans, deposits and competitive factors influencing the pricing of these products. Management expects to see continued pressure on the net interest margin until such time as the Federal Reserve reverses course and begins increasing short-term interest rates. See the Analysis of Interest Rates and Interest Differentials on pages 18 and 19 for further details.

The tax-equivalent yield on the loan portfolio declined from 6.75% last year to 6.04% in the current quarter. The lower yield more than offset the growth in the loan portfolio, resulting in a \$5.2 million reduction in interest income. The yield on total loans in the first quarter 2003 was 6.18%. The drop in yields since the first quarter 2003 were more dramatic in the consumer and residential real estate loan portfolios. The yields on the residential real estate loans and consumer loans declined 26 bp and 19 bp, respectively. In comparison the yields on the commercial and construction portfolios each declined by 10 bp.

The yield on the investment securities portfolio was 4.56% for the quarter, down 35 bp from the 4.91% yield reported for the second quarter last year. Portfolio growth and increased income from other investments, offset the lower yields in some segments of the portfolio to produce a \$1.2 million increase in income from investment securities. Income from other investments was \$2,318,00 for the current quarter. The yield on the investment portfolio in the first quarter was 4.53%. The \$1,754,000 increase in income from other investments enhanced the overall portfolio yield by 27 bp between quarters.

Reflective of lower interest rates, total interest expense declined by \$6.0 million from the second quarter 2002. The rate paid on total interest-bearing funds decreased 55 bp from 2.15% a year ago to 1.60% for the quarter ended June 30, 2003. The rate paid on average interest-bearing deposits was 1.50%, a decrease of 17 bp from 1.67% for the quarter ended March 31, 2003 and down 66 bp from the second quarter last year. The rate paid on short-term borrowings decreased by 68 bp from the prior year and 4 bp from the first quarter. The rate on long-term debt increased by 6 bp over the same quarter last year and 55 bp from the prior quarter. These increases are attributable to the \$300 million subordinated debt issued during the quarter. Prior to quarter end, \$100 million of the debt was swapped to a floating rate. In the current interest rate environment this action will reduce the interest cost on that portion of the debt. It will also provide a better interest sensitivity match as the funds are deployed within the affiliated banks.

## Noninterest Income

	<i>For the 6 Months Ended June 30,</i>		<i>For the 3 Months Ended June 30,</i>	
	2003 vs. 2002		2003 vs. 2002	
	Increase/ (Decrease)		Increase/ (Decrease)	
<i>Noninterest Income</i>				
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Amount	%	Amount	%
Investment and wealth management	\$ 2,518	7.3	\$ 1,680	9.4
Service charges on deposit accounts	1,182	7.8	585	7.6
Mortgage banking related fees	(194)	(3.8)	592	30.9
Investments securities gains and (losses)	6,302	600.8	5,485	521.9
Other income	1,838	11.5	290	3.5

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Total noninterest income	\$ 11,646	16.3	\$ 8,632	23.5
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Noninterest income increased 23.5% to \$45,437,000 for the second quarter 2003 versus the comparable period in 2002. Excluding the investment securities gain realized in the second quarter of both years, the growth rate was 8.8% year-over-year. Investment security gains were \$6,536,000 for the second quarter 2003, up over five fold from \$1,051,000 from the same quarter last year. \$5,000,000 of the current quarters gains came from the sale of equity securities and the balance related to the continued restructuring of the bond portfolios. Investment and wealth management revenues increased 9.4% to \$19,508,000 for the quarter ended June 30, 2003. Revenues for the second quarter 2003 benefited \$2,193,000 from the inclusion of Boyd Watterson Asset Management, LLC and Peremel & Company, which affiliated with Mercantile on March 1, and April 1, 2003, respectively. Service charges on deposit accounts increased 7.6% to \$8,311,000 for the current quarter compared to the prior year. Business checking, overdraft and ATM fees are the major contributors to this growth. Mortgage banking fees increased 30.9% to \$2,507,000 for the quarter. It was during the second quarter 2002 that Mercantile Mortgage entered into a joint venture to outsource its residential mortgage origination business resulting in a temporary drop-off of fees. Included in other income for the second quarter of 2003 is income from bank-owned life insurance of \$439,000. The \$50 million investment made in the third quarter 2002, is targeted to partially fund the cost of various employee benefit programs.

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For the first six months, excluding investment securities gains, noninterest income increased \$5,344,000, or 7.6%. This was due to a 7.3% or \$2,518,000 increase in Investment and Wealth Management fees, a 7.8% or \$1,182,000 increase in service charges on deposit accounts and a 11.5% or \$1,838,000 increase in other income. The aforementioned acquisitions increased Investment and Wealth Management revenues \$2,817,000. The improvement in other income is due to reduced writedowns in private equity fund investments.

## Noninterest Expenses

	For the 6 Months Ended June 30,		For the 3 Months Ended June 30,	
	2003 vs. 2002		2003 vs. 2002	
	Increase/ (Decrease)		Increase/ (Decrease)	
<i>Noninterest Expenses</i>				
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Amount	%	Amount	%
Salaries	\$ 4,716	7.1	\$ 2,251	6.6
Employee benefits	2,147	12.9	1,250	15.5
Net occupancy expense of bank premises	346	4.3	155	3.8
Furniture and equipment expenses	1,483	12.3	1,116	19.8
Communications and supplies	(46)	(.7)	(226)	(6.6)
Other expenses	4,063	16.4	4,573	36.0
<b>Total noninterest expenses</b>	<b>\$ 12,709</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>\$ 9,119</b>	<b>13.4</b>

Noninterest expenses for the quarter ended June 30, 2003, increased 13.4% to \$77,049,000 from \$67,930,000 for the second quarter of 2002. The principal contributor to the year-over-year increase in salaries, is due to the acquisitions in the Investment and Wealth Management business, which accounted for \$1,012,000 of the increase. Employee stock based compensation expense, included in salaries, was \$1,010,000 for the quarter as compared to \$707,000 last year. Employee benefits expense increased due to rising pension and medical costs. Pension and 401k expenses increased to \$3,211,000 in the quarter as compared to \$2,427,000 last year. The increase in furniture and equipment expenses is related to software maintenance and rental expenses. These expenses were \$2,696,000 for the quarter as compared to \$1,444,000 last year, an increase of \$1,252,000. The major drivers of this increase are the technology investments that have been made in the Investment and Wealth Management area and increased costs for the main banking operating systems due to normal growth. Furniture and equipment expenses were relatively unchanged from the first quarter 2003. Other expenses increased 36.0% to \$17,270,000 in the second quarter 2003 as compared to the same period last year. The largest contributor to this increase was professional fees. During the current quarter, \$775,000 of merger related professional fees were incurred. There were no such expenses in the prior year and only \$50,000 in the first quarter 2003. The other significant change was in the Directors' Deferred Compensation plan expense which was \$989,000 for the current quarter as compared to a credit of \$290,000 last year, an increase of \$1,279,000. The change was even more dramatic, an increase of \$1,664,000, when compared to this year's first quarter, which reflected a credit of \$675,000. The cost of this plan fluctuates with changes in the market value of Mercantile's common stock. Amortization of identifiable intangibles related to the Investment and Wealth Management acquisitions increased \$422,000 over the prior year and \$291,000 over the first quarter. Advertising and promotional expenses increased \$279,000 over the second quarter last year and \$782,000 over this year's first quarter. Finally, minority interest expense which is related to the mortgage banking business, increased \$423,000 over the prior year and \$541,000 over the first quarter. These five expense categories represented an increase in other expense over the prior year of \$3,178,000 or almost 70% of the total increase. The increase from the first quarter 2003 was \$3,999,000 for the same categories. Noninterest expenses for the first six months of 2003 increased \$12,709,000, or 9.5%. The increase in expenses for this period is attributable to the factors noted above, especially the increase in other expenses.

As a result of the increased level of expenses, the adjusted efficiency ratio, a key measure of expense management, was 48.47% for the six months ended June 30, 2003 versus 46.05% for the comparable period last year. This ratio compares favorably to Bankshares' peer group average for both periods. Management excludes gains and losses from sales of investment securities when computing the efficiency ratio because of the uncertainty as to timing and amount of gain or loss to be recognized. (See page 17 for a reconciliation of non-GAAP measures.)

### **Analysis of Financial Condition**

At June 30, 2003, total assets increased 13.2% to \$11,496,301,000 compared to \$10,159,234,000 one year earlier. Compared to the year ended December 31, 2002 total assets increased 6.5% from \$10,790,376,000. Total loans increased 6.0% to \$7,560,931,000 at June 30, 2003, compared to \$7,134,893,000 at June 30, 2002.

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Total deposits at June 30, 2003, were \$8,635,574,000, an increase of 12.0% from \$7,708,176,000 at the end of the second quarter 2002, and a 4.5% increase from December 31, 2002. Interest-bearing deposits were \$6,359,166,000, an increase of 10.2% from June 30, 2002, and a 3.0% increase from the end of last year. Interest-bearing deposits were 73.6% of total deposits at June 30, 2003, which represented a decrease from the 74.9% at June 30, 2002 and 74.7% at December 31, 2002. Noninterest-bearing deposits were 25.1% of deposits at June, 2002, 25.3% at the end of 2002 and 26.4% for the current quarter. Noninterest-bearing deposits increased 17.5% to \$2,276,408,000 as of June 30, 2003, compared to \$1,937,270,000 at June 30, 2002, and increased 9.1% compared to \$2,086,745,000 at December 31, 2002. Most of the growth in average deposits has occurred in what Management regards as core deposits from customers in the local markets. In addition, a significant portion of time deposits, \$100,000 and over, comes from the local market. The affiliate banking structure positions Bankshares to not only compete with the large national and regional competition in the gathering of these funds, but more importantly the local community banks. Given its asset sensitivity, Management believes the company is positioned to retain these key deposits in a rising interest rate scenario. However, should the company experience an outflow of deposits, a reversal of recent trends, the investment portfolio should provide adequate liquidity to fund such outflow.

Shareholders' equity at June 30, 2003, was \$1,375,594,000, an increase of 7.3% from \$1,282,087,000 at June 30, 2002 and an increase of 3.9% from \$1,324,358,000 at December 31, 2002. Mercantile repurchased 5,500 shares year to date, and has authorization enabling it to repurchase up to 1.5 million additional shares. There were no shares repurchases during the quarter. Management will assess whether or not to resume the share repurchase program after the close of the F&M Bancorp merger. Historically, shares repurchased have been open market purchases. For more details see the Statement of Changes in Consolidated Shareholders' Equity on page 5. Effective at the June 2003 Board meeting, the quarterly dividend rate was increased 10.0% to \$.33 from \$.30 per share. Since the share repurchase program began in the mid-1990s, Management has generally targeted 40% of net income for cash dividends to shareholders and 30% of net income for potential share repurchases. For the six months ended June 30, 2003 and 2002 the cash dividend payout ratio was 43.75% and 43.61%, respectively.

## Asset Quality

### Nonperforming Assets

Nonperforming assets consist of nonaccrual loans, renegotiated loans and other real estate owned (ie., real estate acquired in foreclosure or in lieu of foreclosure). With respect to nonaccrual loans, the Corporation's policy is that, regardless of the value of the underlying collateral and/or guarantees, no interest is accrued on the entire balance once either principal or interest payments on any loan become 90 days past due at the end of a calendar quarter. All accrued and uncollected interest on such loans is eliminated from the income statement and is recognized only as collected. A loan may be put on nonaccrual status sooner than this standard if, in management's judgement, such action is warranted.

During the three months ended June 30, 2003, nonperforming assets increased \$10,695,000 to \$38,144,000. Nonperforming loans, were \$37,768,000 at June 30, 2003 and increased \$10,513,000. Other real estate owned, the other component of nonperforming assets increased \$182,000 to \$376,000. Nonperforming assets as a percent of period-end loans and other real estate owned was .50% at June 30, 2003, .37% at March 31, 2003 and .64% at June 30, 2002, respectively. This increase in nonperforming loans was related to a customer in the construction equipment business moving from monitored to nonaccrual status. The loans to this customer totaled approximately \$11,285,000.

The level of monitored loans, or loans with characteristics suggesting that they could be classified as nonperforming in the near future, remained relatively unchanged. At June 30, 2003 monitored loans were \$34,517,000 compared to \$34,917,000 at March 31, 2003. The customer, involved in the construction equipment business moved from the monitored category but was replaced by another customer at the lead bank. Although this customer is current, its business is largely dependent on the demand for air pollution control systems. Its business has been negatively

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impacted by the reduced capital investment in this area. The largest component of monitored loans continues to be the two commercial aircraft-related loans added to this category during the fourth quarter of 2002. These two loans are performing and current with a balance of approximately \$19,400,000 at June 30, 2003, but remain in the monitored category because of continuing pressure on the airline industry overall. The amount of loans past due 30-89 days improved from \$54,899,000 at March 31, 2003 to \$28,816,000 at June 30, 2003. As noted above, there continue to be mixed signals on credit quality. In general, credit quality indicators remain stable at the community banks with greater fluctuations occurring at the lead bank.

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The table below presents a comparison of nonperforming assets at June 30 and March 31, 2003 and at the end of December 2002.

<i>Nonperforming Assets</i> <i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>June 30, 2003</b>	March 31, 2003	December 31, 2002
Nonaccrual loans (1)			
Commercial	<b>\$ 30,717</b>	\$ 19,993	\$ 25,260
Construction	<b>1,178</b>	1,383	1,365
Residential real estate	<b>4,001</b>	2,967	2,479
Consumer	<b>178</b>	234	261
Lease financing	<b>1,694</b>	2,678	4,006
<b>Total nonaccrual loans</b>	<b>37,768</b>	27,255	33,371
Renegotiated loans (1)			
Loans contractually past due 90 days or more and still accruing interest			
<b>Total nonperforming loans</b>	<b>37,768</b>	27,255	33,371
Other real estate owned	<b>376</b>	194	132
<b>Total nonperforming assets</b>	<b>\$ 38,144</b>	\$ 27,449	\$ 33,503
<b>Nonperforming assets as a percent of period-end loans and other real estate owned</b>	<b>.50%</b>	.37%	.46%

- (1) Aggregate gross interest income of \$1,498,000, \$548,000 and \$2,790,000 for the first half of 2003, the first quarter of 2003 and the year 2002, respectively, on nonaccrual and renegotiated loans, would have been recorded if these loans had been accruing on their original terms throughout the period or since origination if held for part of the period. The amount of interest income on the nonaccrual and renegotiated loans that was recorded totalled \$648,000, \$55,000 and \$641,000 for the first six months of 2003, the first three months of 2003 and the year 2002, respectively.

**Note:** The Corporation was monitoring loans estimated to aggregate \$34,517,000 at June 30, 2003, \$34,917,000 at March 31, 2003 and \$24,850,000 at December 31, 2002, not classified as nonaccrual or renegotiated loans. These loans had characteristics which indicated they might result in such classification in the future.

### Allowance and Provision for Loan Losses

Each Bankshares affiliate is required to maintain an allowance for loan losses adequate to absorb losses inherent in the loan portfolio. Management at each affiliate, along with Bankshares management, maintains a regular overview to assure that adequacy. On a periodic basis, significant credit exposures, nonperforming loans, impaired loans, historical losses by loan type and various statistical measurements of asset quality are examined to assure the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses.

The allowance for loan losses has been established through provisions for loan losses charged against income. The provision for loan losses for the second quarter of 2003 was \$3,051,000, a 40.4% decrease over \$5,116,000 for the same period last year and 1.2% greater than last quarter.

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The provision for the first six months of 2003 was \$6,067,000, a decrease of 26.0% over last year's provision of \$8,199,000. The provision increased last year as credit quality issues were identified and addressed within the leasing business. Nonperforming assets in the leasing business have declined from \$10,073,000 at June 30, 2002 to \$4,672,000 at June 30, 2003. Loans deemed uncollectible are charged against the allowance for loan losses and any subsequent recoveries are credited to the allowance. Intensive collection efforts continue after charge-off in order to maximize recovery amounts. Net charge-offs were \$1,217,000 for the second quarter of 2003 compared to \$13,227,000 for the same period in 2002. Net charge-offs for the first half of 2003 were \$2,407,000 compared to \$14,268,000 last year. The allowance for loans as a percent of period-end loans was 1.88% at June 30, 2003 and 1.90% at the end of the second quarter last year.

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The following table presents a summary of the activity in the Allowance for Loan Losses for the six months and quarters ended June 30, 2003 and 2002:

<i>Allowance for Loan Losses</i> <i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<i>For the 6 Months Ended</i>		<i>For the 3 Months Ended</i>	
	<b>2003</b>	<i>June 30,</i> 2002	<b>2003</b>	<i>June 30,</i> 2002
Allowance balance beginning	\$ 138,601	\$ 141,463	\$ 140,427	\$ 143,505
Charge-offs:				
Commercial	(1,061)	(9,386)	(614)	(8,556)
Construction				
Residential real estate	(50)	(110)	(50)	(76)
Consumer	(1,573)	(1,532)	(722)	(784)
Lease financing	(1,188)	(4,800)	(547)	(4,800)
Total	(3,872)	(15,828)	(1,933)	(14,216)
Recoveries:				
Commercial	526	517	304	384
Construction	135	137		131
Residential real estate	39	58	35	32
Consumer	765	848	377	442
Lease financing				
Total	1,465	1,560	716	989
Net charge-offs	(2,407)	(14,268)	(1,217)	(13,227)
Provision for loan losses	6,067	8,199	3,051	5,116
Allowance balance ending	\$ 142,261	\$ 135,394	\$ 142,261	\$ 135,394
Average loans	\$ 7,437,036	\$ 6,980,040	\$ 7,513,576	\$ 7,029,501
Net charge-offs (annualized) as a percent of average loans	.07%	.41%	.06%	.75%
Period-end loans	\$ 7,560,931	\$ 7,134,893		
Allowance for loan losses as a percent of period-end loans	1.88%	1.90%		

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**Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures**

	For the 6 Months Ended June 30,		For the 3 Months Ended June 30,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002

(Dollars in thousands)

(1) The net interest margin and efficiency ratios are presented on a fully taxable-equivalent (FTE) and annualized basis. The FTE basis adjusts for the tax-favored status of income from certain loans and investments. Management believes this measure to be the preferred industry measurement of net interest income and provides a relevant comparison between taxable and non-taxable investments

Net interest income	\$ 223,849	\$ 217,613	\$ 112,723	\$ 110,425
Taxable-equivalent adjustment	3,122	3,039	1,574	1,532
Net interest income taxable equivalent	\$ 226,971	\$ 220,652	\$ 114,297	\$ 111,957

(2) Bankshares presents a return on average equity and a return on average tangible equity. Management excludes goodwill from its calculation of average tangible assets and average tangible equity. This adjustment allows management to review the core operating results and core capital position of the Company. This is consistent with the treatment by bank regulatory agencies which exclude goodwill from their calculation of risk-based capital ratios.

Return on average equity	15.24%	15.13%	15.15%	15.02%
Impact of excluding average goodwill	1.44	1.37	1.48	1.34
Return on average tangible equity	16.68%	16.50%	16.63%	16.36%
Average equity to average assets	12.15%	12.60%	12.00%	12.62%
Impact of excluding average goodwill	(.93)	(.93)	(.95)	(.91)
Average tangible equity to average tangible assets	11.22%	11.67%	11.05%	11.71%

(3) The efficiency ratio is measured by dividing noninterest expenses by the sum of net interest income on a FTE basis and non-interest income. Management excludes gains and losses from sales of investment securities when computing the efficiency ratio because of the uncertainty as to timing and amount of gain or loss to be recognized.

Efficiency ratio	47.32%	45.89%	48.24%	45.66%
Impact of excluding securities gains and losses	1.15	.16	2.05	.33
Adjusted efficiency ratio	48.47%	46.05%	50.29%	45.99%

**Cautionary Statement**

This report contains financial information determined by methods other than in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ( GAAP ). Bankshares management uses these non-GAAP measures in their analysis of the Company s performance. These measures typically adjust GAAP performance measures to exclude goodwill and the amortization of goodwill related to the consummation of mergers. These non-GAAP measures may also exclude other significant gains, losses or expenses that are unusual in nature and not expected to recur. Since these items and their impact on Bankshares performance are difficult to predict, management believes presentations of financial measures excluding the impact of these items provide useful supplemental information that is essential to a proper understanding of the operating results

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and financial position of Bankshares core businesses. These disclosures should not be viewed as a substitute for results determined in accordance with GAAP, nor are they necessarily comparable to non-GAAP performance measures that may be presented by other companies.

This report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of and pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. A forward-looking statement encompasses any estimate, prediction, opinion or statement of belief contained in this report, and the underlying management assumptions. Such statements in this report include identification of trends, loan growth, comments on adequacy of the allowance for loan losses, credit quality, changes in leasing activities, effects of asset sensitivity and interest rate changes, and information concerning market risk referenced in Item 3. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and assessments of potential developments affecting market conditions, interest rates and other economic conditions, and results may ultimately vary from the statements made in this report.

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## ANALYSIS OF INTEREST RATES AND INTEREST DIFFERENTIALS

The following table presents the distribution of the average consolidated balance sheets, interest income/expense and annualized yields earned and rates paid through the first six months of 2003 and 2002.

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<i>For the 6 Months Ended</i> <i>June 30, 2003</i>			<i>For the 6 Months Ended</i> <i>June 30, 2002</i>		
	Average Balance	Income*/ Expense	Yield*/ Rate	Average Balance	Income*/ Expense	Yield*/ Rate
Earning assets						
Loans:**						
Commercial	\$ 4,488,776	\$ 132,840	5.97%	\$ 4,229,246	\$ 139,360	6.64%
Construction	847,382	23,341	5.55	686,773	21,437	6.29
Residential real estate	1,083,780	36,339	6.76	1,073,307	39,721	7.46
Consumer	1,017,098	32,870	6.52	990,714	35,649	7.26
Total loans	7,437,036	225,390	6.11	6,980,040	236,167	6.82
Federal funds sold, et al	185,883	2,034	2.21	107,174	2,659	5.00
Securities:***						
Taxable securities						
U.S. Treasury and government agencies	1,834,196	39,958	4.39	2,054,370	49,207	4.83
Mortgage-backed securities	636,760	13,864	4.39	203,241	5,784	5.74
Other stocks and bonds	98,328	3,365	6.90	22,915	713	6.27
Tax-exempt securities						
States and political subdivisions	38,099	1,595	8.44	39,083	1,586	8.18
Total securities	2,607,383	58,782	4.55	2,319,609	57,290	4.98
Interest-bearing deposits in other banks	348	6	3.70	358	8	4.39
Total earning assets	10,230,650	286,212	5.64	9,407,181	296,124	6.35
Cash and due from banks	234,901			219,429		
Bank premises and equipment, net	104,268			101,348		
Other assets	351,801			269,514		
Less: allowance for loan losses	(141,246)			(144,152)		
Total assets	\$ 10,780,374			\$ 9,853,320		

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Interest-bearing liabilities						
Deposits:						
Savings	\$ 1,054,033	2,743	.52	\$ 935,762	4,402	.95
Checking plus interest	973,366	1,105	.23	846,349	1,480	1.35
Money market	1,193,102	5,059	.86	1,026,650	7,178	1.41
Certificates of deposit \$100,000 and over	1,250,819	15,503	2.50	1,016,025	17,266	3.43
Other time deposits	1,712,535	24,169	2.85	1,771,203	33,283	3.79
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Total interest-bearing deposits	6,183,855	48,579	1.58	5,595,989	63,609	2.29
Short-term borrowings	775,526	3,014	.78	861,272	6,240	1.46
Long-term debt	402,225	7,648	3.83	283,332	5,623	4.00
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	
Total interest-bearing funds	7,361,606	59,241	1.62	6,740,593	75,472	2.26
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	
Noninterest-bearing deposits	2,008,346			1,762,945		
Other liabilities and accrued expenses	100,525			108,718		
	<u>          </u>			<u>          </u>		
Total liabilities	9,470,477			8,612,256		
Shareholders' equity	1,309,897			1,241,064		
	<u>          </u>			<u>          </u>		
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 10,780,374			\$ 9,853,320		
	<u>          </u>			<u>          </u>		
Net interest income		\$ 226,971			\$ 220,652	
		<u>          </u>			<u>          </u>	
Net interest rate spread			4.02%			4.09%
Effect of noninterest-bearing funds			.45			.64
			<u>          </u>			<u>          </u>
Net interest margin on earning assets			4.47%			4.73%
			<u>          </u>			<u>          </u>
Taxable-equivalent adjustment included in:						
Loan income	\$ 2,436			\$ 2,345		
Investment securities income	686			694		
	<u>          </u>			<u>          </u>		
Total	\$ 3,122			\$ 3,039		
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\* Presented on a tax-equivalent basis using the statutory federal corporate income tax rate of 35%. (See page 17 for a reconciliation of non-GAAP measures.)

\*\* Nonaccrual loans are included in average loans.

\*\*\* Balances reported at amortized cost; excludes pretax unrealized gains (losses) on securities available-for-sale.

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## ANALYSIS OF INTEREST RATES AND INTEREST DIFFERENTIALS

The following table presents the distribution of the average consolidated balance sheets, interest income/expense and annualized yields earned and rates paid for the second quarters of 2003 and 2002.

	<i>For the 3 Months Ended</i>			<i>For the 3 Months Ended</i>		
	<i>June 30, 2003</i>			<i>June 30, 2002</i>		
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Average Balance	Income*/ Expense	Yield*/ Rate	Average Balance	Income*/ Expense	Yield*/ Rate
Earning assets						
Loans:**						
Commercial	\$ 4,527,486	\$ 66,781	5.92%	\$ 4,253,691	\$ 69,706	6.57%
Construction	870,955	11,955	5.51	702,733	10,988	6.27
Residential real estate	1,089,772	18,026	6.63	1,075,562	19,764	7.37
Consumer	1,025,363	16,421	6.42	997,515	17,851	7.18
Total loans	7,513,576	113,183	6.04	7,029,501	118,309	6.75
Federal funds sold, et al	313,844	1,311	1.68	94,263	998	4.25
Securities:***						
Taxable securities						
U.S. Treasury and government agencies	1,741,380	18,763	4.32	2,089,822	24,864	4.77
Mortgage-backed securities	760,630	7,875	4.15	201,442	2,843	5.66
Other stocks & bonds	98,277	2,544	10.38	23,788	344	5.80
Tax-exempt securities						
States & political subdivisions	37,412	823	8.82	39,125	793	8.13
Total securities	2,637,699	30,005	4.56	2,354,177	28,844	4.91
Interest-bearing deposits in other banks	338	3	3.50	358	4	4.20
Total earning assets	10,465,457	144,502	5.54	9,478,299	148,155	6.27
Cash and due from banks	243,728			223,744		
Bank premises and equipment	104,825			101,179		
Other assets	361,951			272,707		
Less: allowance for loan losses	(142,237)			(145,109)		
Total assets	\$ 11,033,724			\$ 9,930,820		

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Interest-bearing liabilities						
Deposits:						
Savings	\$ 1,078,760	1,373	.51	\$ 961,386	2,221	.93
Checking plus interest	993,268	547	.22	857,669	749	.35
Money market	1,201,044	2,422	.81	1,049,529	3,595	1.37
Certificates of deposit \$100,000 and over	1,277,652	7,535	2.37	1,031,720	8,205	3.19
Other time deposits	1,708,177	11,573	2.72	1,758,774	15,705	3.58
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	
Total interest-bearing deposits	6,258,901	23,450	1.50	5,659,078	30,475	2.16
Short-term borrowings	771,892	1,469	.76	813,881	2,928	1.44
Long-term debt	527,223	5,286	4.02	283,331	2,795	3.96
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Total interest-bearing funds	7,558,016	30,205	1.60	6,756,290	36,198	2.15
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	
Noninterest-bearing deposits	2,054,813			1,818,004		
Other liabilities and accrued expenses	96,602			102,926		
	<u>          </u>			<u>          </u>		
Total liabilities	9,709,431			8,677,220		
Shareholders' equity	1,324,293			1,253,600		
	<u>          </u>			<u>          </u>		
Total liabilities & shareholders' equity	\$ 11,033,724			\$ 9,930,820		
	<u>          </u>			<u>          </u>		
Net interest income		\$ 114,297			\$ 111,957	
		<u>          </u>			<u>          </u>	
Net interest spread			3.94%			4.12%
Effect of noninterest-bearing funds			.44			.62
			<u>          </u>			<u>          </u>
Net interest margin on earning assets			4.38%			4.74%
			<u>          </u>			<u>          </u>
Taxable-equivalent adjustment included in:						
Loan income	\$ 1,221			\$ 1,185		
Investment securities income	353			347		
	<u>          </u>			<u>          </u>		
Total	\$ 1,574			\$ 1,532		
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## RATE/VOLUME ANALYSIS

A rate/volume analysis, which demonstrates changes in interest income and expense for significant assets and liabilities, appears below:

	<i>For the 6 Months</i>			<i>For the 3 Months</i>		
	<i>Ended June 30,</i>			<i>Ended June 30,</i>		
	<i>2003 vs. 2002</i>			<i>2003 vs. 2002</i>		
	<i>Due to variances in</i>			<i>Due to variances in</i>		
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<u>Rates</u>	<u>Volumes</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rates</u>	<u>Volumes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Interest earned on:						
Loans:						
Commercial (1)	\$ (15,072)	\$ 8,552	\$ (6,520)	\$ (7,412)	\$ 4,487	\$ (2,925)
Construction (2)	(3,109)	5,013	1,904	(1,663)	2,630	967
Residential real estate	(3,770)	388	(3,382)	(1,999)	261	(1,738)
Consumer	(3,728)	949	(2,779)	(1,928)	498	(1,430)
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Total loans	(25,679)	14,902	(10,777)	(13,002)	7,876	(5,126)
Taxable securities (3)	(5,570)	7,053	1,483	(2,325)	3,456	1,131
Tax-exempt securities (3)	49	(40)	9	65	(35)	30
Federal funds sold, et al	(2,578)	1,953	(625)	(2,012)	2,325	313
Interest-bearing deposits in other banks	(2)		(2)	(1)		(1)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total interest income	(33,780)	23,868	(9,912)	(17,275)	13,622	(3,653)
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Interest paid on:						
Savings deposits	(2,215)	556	(1,659)	(1,119)	271	(848)
Checking plus interest deposits	(597)	222	(375)	(320)	118	(202)
Money market accounts	(3,283)	1,164	(2,119)	(1,692)	519	(1,173)
Certificates of deposit \$100,000 and over	(5,753)	3,990	(1,763)	(2,626)	1,956	(670)
Other time deposits	(8,012)	(1,102)	(9,114)	(3,680)	(452)	(4,132)
Short-term borrowings	(2,605)	(621)	(3,226)	(1,308)	(151)	(1,459)
Long-term debt	(335)	2,360	2,025	85	2,406	2,491
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Total interest expense	(22,800)	6,569	(16,231)	(10,660)	4,667	(5,993)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Net interest earned	\$ (10,980)	\$ 17,299	\$ 6,319	\$ (6,615)	\$ 8,955	\$ 2,340
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

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- (1) Year-to-date tax-equivalent adjustments of \$1,756,000 and \$1,821,000 for 2003 and 2002, respectively, and quarter-to-date tax-equivalent adjustments of \$880,000 and \$916,000 for 2003 and 2002, respectively, are included in the commercial loan rate variances.
- (2) Year-to-date tax-equivalent adjustments of \$680,000 and \$524,000 for 2003 and 2002, respectively, and quarter-to-date tax-equivalent adjustments of \$341,000 and \$269,000 for 2003 and 2002, respectively, are included in the construction loan rate variances.
- (3) Year-to-date tax-equivalent adjustments of \$686,000 and \$694,000 for 2003 and 2002, respectively, and quarter-to-date tax-equivalent adjustments of \$353,000 and \$347,000 for 2003 and 2002, respectively, are included in the investment securities rate variances.

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**Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

Information responsive to this Item as of December 31, 2002 appears under the captions "Risk Management", "Interest Rate Sensitivity Analysis" and "Earnings Simulation Model Projections" on pages 24-27 of the registrant's 2002 Annual Report to Shareholders, filed as Exhibit 13 to registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002. There was no material change in such information as of June 30, 2003.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

Within the ninety days prior to the filing of this report, the Company's management, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective. There were no significant changes in the Company's internal controls or in other factors subsequent to the date of the evaluation that could significantly affect those controls.

**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION****Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders**

Matters voted upon and voted at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders held April 30, 2003.

Results of voting for Election of Directors:

	<u>FOR</u>	<u>WITHHELD</u>
George L. Bunting, Jr.	53,540,522	338,810
Darrell D. Friedman	53,486,965	392,367
Robert A. Kinsley	53,539,258	340,074
Christian H. Poindexter	53,424,552	454,780
James L. Shea	52,198,122	1,681,210

Names of other Directors continuing in office:

Cynthia A. Archer

Richard O. Berndt

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William R. Brody, M.D.

Freeman A. Hrabowski, III

Edward J. Kelly, III

Wallace Mathai-Davis

Morton B. Plant

Clayton S. Rose

Donald J. Shepard

Results of voting on Ratification of Appointment of Auditors (PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP):

<b><u>FOR</u></b>	<b><u>AGAINST</u></b>	<b><u>ABSTAINED</u></b>
52,489,604	1,234,958	154,770

There were no broker nonvotes on these matters.

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**Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K**

(a) Exhibits

- 31 Section 302 Certification of Chief Executive Officer
- 31 Section 302 Certification of Chief Financial Officer
- 32 Section 906 Certification of Chief Executive Officer
- 32 Section 906 Certification of Chief Financial Officer

(b) Reports on Form 8-K

Form 8-K filed, dated April 8, 2003, Item 5.

Form 8-K filed, dated April 23, 2003, Item 9.

Form 8-K filed, dated April 24, 2003, Item 5.

Form 8-K filed, dated April 30, 2003, Item 5.

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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.

**MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORPORATION**

July 25, 2003 Principal Executive Officer

/s/ Edward J. Kelly, III

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By: Edward J. Kelly, III

Chairman of the Board,

President and

Chief Executive Officer

July 25, 2003 Principal Financial Officer

/s/ Terry L. Troupe

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By: Terry L. Troupe

Chief Financial Officer

July 25, 2003 Chief Accounting Officer

/s/ William T. Skinner, Jr.

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By: William T. Skinner, Jr.

Controller

Mercantile Bankshares Corporation