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March 12, 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) March 12, 2003  
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ACUITY BRANDS, INC.  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware   | 001-16583                   | No. 58-2632672                          |
| -----  | -----                       | -----                                   |
| (State or other<br>jurisdiction of<br>incorporation) | (Commission<br>File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |
| 1170 Peachtree Street, NE<br>Suite 2400, Atlanta, GA |                             | 30309                                   |
| -----  | -----                       | -----                                   |
| (Address of principal executive offices)             |                             | (Zip Code)                              |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (404) 853-1400  
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None  
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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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ITEM 5. Other Events.

Attached hereto is a press release issued by Acuity Brands, Inc. (the "Registrant") on March 12, 2003. A copy of the press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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

(a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired.

None.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

None.

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

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| EXHIBIT NO. | DESCRIPTION |
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99.1 Press Release, issued by Registrant on  
March 12, 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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 12, 2003

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

BY: /s/ Helen D. Haines

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Helen D. Haines

Vice President and Secretary