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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): NOVEMBER 12, 2001

MICHAELS STORES, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE 001-09338 75-1943604 (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

8000 BENT BRANCH DRIVE

IRVING, TEXAS 75063-6041 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (972) 409-1300

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

(a) SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA.

On October 31, 2001, the Board of Directors of Michaels Stores, Inc. (the "Company") declared a two-for-one common stock split effected in the form of a stock dividend to stockholders of record as of the close of business on November 12, 2001, payable on November 26, 2001. The selected financial data set forth below reflects earnings per share amounts adjusted to reflect the stock split on a retroactive basis.

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	(IN	THOUSANDS E	XCEPT PER SHARE	AND STORE	DATA)
RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:					
Net sales	\$2,249,440	\$1,882,522	\$1,573,965	\$1,456,524	\$1,
Operating income (loss)	148,417	122,672	89,112	68,942	
Net income (loss)	78 , 589	62,301	43,601	30,077	
Diluted earnings (loss) per common					
share (4)	1.15	1.00	0.71	0.52	
BALANCE SHEET DATA:					
Cash and equivalents	\$ 28,191	\$ 77,398	\$ 96,124	\$ 162,283	\$
Merchandise inventories	663,700	615,065	501,239	385 , 580	
Total current assets	729,816	722,987	621,928	573 , 183	
Total assets	1,158,436	1,096,703	962,650	908,494	
Working capital	440,808	452,011	391,227	358,691	
Long-term debt	125,145	224,635	230,896	234,889	
Total liabilities	453 , 790	529 , 905	481,671	466,583	
Stockholders' equity	704,646	566 , 798	480,979	441,911	
OTHER FINANCIAL DATA:					
Cash flow from operating activities	\$ 146,758	\$ 60,770	\$ 6,038	\$ 77,907	\$
Cash flow from investing activities	(120,084)	(90,759	(59,567)	(38,988)
Cash flow from financing activities	(75 , 881)	11,263	(12,630)	64,295	
EBITDA (5)	217,425	184,251	143,255	117,589	
STORES OPEN AT END OF YEAR:					
Michaels	628	559	496	452	
Aaron Brothers	119	95	78	74	
Star Wholesale	1	-			
Total stores open at end of year	748	654		526	

2000 (1) (2) 1999 1998 1997 199

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⁽¹⁾ Fiscal 2000 and 1996 were both 53-week fiscal years. All other fiscal years included in the above table were 52-week fiscal years.

⁽²⁾ Fiscal 2000 net income and diluted earnings per common share include the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle, net of tax, in the amount of \$1.9 million, or \$0.06 per diluted share. EBITDA for fiscal 2000 includes the pretax cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle of \$3.1 million. See Note 2 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 3, 2001.

⁽³⁾ Operating income in fiscal 1996 includes the effect of an unusual pre-tax charge of \$41.2 million for costs associated with the sale to liquidate merchandise that was eliminated following store resets, markdowns on discontinued furniture and other home decor merchandise, and reserves for the closure of four stores and the write-down of leasehold improvements in three stores.

⁽⁴⁾ On October 31, 2001, the Company's Board of Directors declared a two-for-one common stock split effected in the form of a stock dividend

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to stockholders of record as of the close of business on November 12, 2001, payable on November 26, 2001. All references to earnings per share amounts in the above table have been adjusted to reflect the stock split on a retroactive basis.

(5) EBITDA is calculated as income before income taxes plus interest, depreciation, and amortization. EBITDA is presented because it is a widely accepted financial indicator of a company's ability to incur and service debt, but is not a financial measurement recognized by generally accepted accounting principles, and therefore, may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other entities. EBITDA should not be considered by an investor as an alternative to net income, as an indicator of the operating performance of the Company, or as an alternative to cash flow as a measure of liquidity.

(b) LITIGATION.

On February 1, 2002, the Company issued a press release announcing that its subsidiary, Aaron Brothers, Inc., has reached a tentative agreement to settle the COLLINS V. AARON BROTHERS, INC. lawsuit previously disclosed in the Company's periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The settlement is subject to final documentation and court approval.

A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

(c) EXHIBITS.

Exhibit
Number Description

99.1 Press Release, dated February 1, 2002.

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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

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undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MICHAELS STORES, INC.

By: /s/ Bryan M. DeCordova

Bryan M. DeCordova, Executive Vice President -- Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 8, 2002

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99.1	Press Release,	dated	February	1,	2002.