

SECOND BANCORP INC  
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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Form 10-K**

- þ **ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**
- o **TRANSITIONAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Commission File Number: 0-15624**

**Second Bancorp Incorporated**

*(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)*

**Ohio**  
*(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)*

**34-1547453**  
*(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)*

**108 Main Avenue SW, Warren, Ohio 44481**  
*(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)*

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code:**  
330.841.0123

**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:**

<b>Title of each class</b>	<b>Name of each exchange on which registered</b>
Common Stock, no par value	The NASDAQ National Market

**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: None**

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 periods that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes þ No o

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. o

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

The aggregate market value of the Common Stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of June 30, 2003 as reported on the NASDAQ National Market System, was approximately \$219,599,048. Shares of Common Stock held by each officer and director and by each person who

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owns 5% or more of the outstanding Common Stock have been excluded in that such persons may be deemed to be affiliates. This determination of affiliate status is not necessarily a conclusive determination for other purposes.

As of January 31, 2004 the registrant had outstanding 9,479,371 shares of Common Stock.

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**PART I.**

**Item 1. BUSINESS**

**General**

Second Bancorp Incorporated ( Second Bancorp ) is a one-bank financial holding company with its most significant subsidiary being The Second National Bank of Warren ( Second National ), a Warren, Ohio based commercial bank. Operating through 33 retail banking centers and 5 loan production offices, Second National offers a wide range of commercial and consumer banking and trust services primarily to business and individual customers in various communities in a nine county area in northeast and east-central Ohio. A second operating subsidiary is Stouffer-Herzog Insurance Agency, which sells a wide range of property, casualty, life and health insurance products in northeast Ohio. At December 31, 2003, Second Bancorp had consolidated total assets of \$2.12 billion, deposits of \$1.22 billion and shareholders' equity of \$137 million. Additional non-operating subsidiaries include Second National Capital Corporation and Second National Financial Company, LLC, which were formed in 2002 to facilitate a capital conversion plan for the subsidiary Bank. The Corporation also maintains an unconsolidated subsidiary, Second Bancorp Capital Trust I, which was established in 2001 to facilitate raising Tier I eligible capital in the form of corporation-obligated mandatorily redeemable capital securities of a subsidiary trust; see footnote 17 of Item 8; Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

Second National focuses its marketing efforts primarily on local independent commercial and professional firms, the individuals who are the owners and principals of such firms as well as the low-to-moderate to upper income retail customers in Second National's trade areas. In recent years, Second Bancorp has emphasized increased commercial, direct consumer and real estate lending as well as market area expansion.

On January 8, 2004, the Corporation and Sky Financial Group, Inc., based in Bowling Green, Ohio, announced an agreement whereby Sky Financial Group will acquire the Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiaries including the Bank. The transaction is expected to close during the second quarter of 2004. Under the terms of the agreement, shareholders of the Corporation will receive 1.26 shares of Sky Financial Group common stock for each share of the Corporation.

The agreement provides for the merger of the Corporation into Sky Financial Group, and the subsequent merger of the Bank into Sky Bank, Sky Financial Group's commercial banking affiliate. The Corporation's insurance affiliate Stouffer-Herzog will be integrated into Sky Insurance some time after the merger is complete.

The merger is subject to receipt of applicable regulatory approvals and to the approval of the shareholders of the Corporation.

**Primary Business Operations**

We currently operate three major lines of business, each of which is discussed below.

**Commercial**

Commercial includes credit and related financial services to small-to-large-sized corporations and businesses.

Our commercial lending activities focus primarily on providing local independent commercial and professional firms with commercial business loans and loans secured by owner-occupied real estate. Typically, our customers' financing requirements range from \$250,000 to \$10 million. We primarily make secured and unsecured commercial loans for general business purposes, including working capital, accounts receivable financing, machinery and equipment acquisition, and commercial real estate financing. These loans have both fixed and floating interest rates and typically have maturities of three to seven years. Commercial loans comprised approximately 47% of our total loan portfolio at December 31, 2003.

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We have sought to differentiate Second National's Commercial business line by being bankers, not just lenders. What this means is that our delivery of premier commercial banking products and services is not dependent only on competing over price. Rather, our professionals are responsible for taking on a consultative role in long term relationship building, ensuring that what we are providing is in harmony with the vision of our clients.

The success of this orientation is evident in the stability of our core group of commercial bankers that has not experienced any turnover during the past two years. Moreover, our most recent additions to the Commercial Banking staff have come from within the Bank, further contributing to the depth of knowledge represented by this team.

During 2003, new loan generation increased by 12.75 percent compared with 2002, for a total of \$219,030,265. Fee income also grew to \$2,292,216 for an increase of 5 percent over the prior year. Commercial portfolio balances were \$630 million at year end, up from \$542 million at December 31, 2002.

Second National uses a number of techniques to increase its client base. Some of these include mass marketing, referrals from our existing clients and referrals from CPAs and attorneys. Earlier in the year, we also initiated a cold calling marketing program to increase our market penetration and meet our profitability objectives in the Cleveland and Akron areas. Lenders developed a customized target list that focused on small businesses and was designed focusing on specific industries that are desirable to the Bank. Results of this effort are incorporated into monthly sales activity and backlog reports as a way of formalizing the process of relationship building.

### **Retail**

Retail includes deposit gathering, direct and indirect consumer lending along with a minor amount of small business banking services.

We offer a full range of consumer loans to individuals, including the owners and principals of our commercial customers and a wide range of retail customers in our market area. We offer consumer loans for a variety of personal financial needs, including home equity, new and used automobiles, boat and recreational vehicle loans, credit cards and overdraft protection for checking account customers. At December 31, 2003, approximately 34% of our consumer loans consisted of indirect auto, boat and recreational vehicle loans, which are originated through dealers in the local area. Consumer loans comprised approximately 30% of our total loan portfolio at December 31, 2003.

We continued to adjust our Retail Banking Center/Hub network by reallocating resources to locations where marketplace intelligence gathering and analysis indicated high growth potential. That effort is supported by ongoing training, properly designed incentives, and utilization of Monthly Achievement Results (MARs) reports as a system of evaluation and measurement. Using our Financial Information System (FIS) we are capable of using real time, fact-based data to make accurate decisions to achieve profitability growth targets.

During 2003, we were successful in reducing or controlling expenses through consolidation of facilities, reducing charge-offs, increasing fee collection rates, and streamlining contract pricing relative to various services such as telecommunications and ATM costs. We also implemented a Resource Optimization and Allocation Model (ROAM( )) staffing model that has enabled us to reduce costs while still improving performance.

Increases in income were achieved by growing the level of profitable products sold or booked, delivered by professionals dedicated to continually developing their sales acumen, and supported by an increase in target advertising and outbound calling to cultivate new business prospects.

Other specific Retail Banking 2003 achievements include:

Banking Center Mortgage Loan production reached \$191,158,000, an increase of 36.67% over 2002

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Banking Center Consumer Loan production reached \$153,343,000, an increase of 70.42% over 2002

Banking Center Consumer Loan outstanding balances increased by 23.03% over 2002

Banking Center outstanding non-interest demand deposits increased 4.55% over 2002

Banking Center outstanding non-maturity deposits increased 17.72% over 2002

Call Center loan sales (excluding mortgage and commercial) were \$11,413,875

Retail Banking cross sell improved from 2.70 in 2002 to 3.01 in 2003

Second National Bank continues to expand its geographic marketplace presence. This past year we opened our new banking center located at 445 West Milltown Road, Wooster. The new 3200-square-foot facility features full-service banking including retail and commercial banking, private banking, wealth management and investment product lines. Also available are a drive-up ATM, drive-thru banking lanes, a walk-in vault and safe deposit boxes. The new banking center is within easy access from Burbank Road (Highway 83). Second National Bank's other facility in Wooster, located at Liberty Commons, will remain open as a loan production facility.

The doors also opened at Second National's new Kent Banking Center located at 1590 South Water Street (State Route 43). The new facility replaces our original Kent and Brimfield Banking Centers and is less than three miles from the former Brimfield Banking Center and only one mile from the original Kent location. The new Kent Banking Center provides clients with a complete range of products and services plus new conveniences, including two drive-thru lanes, a drive-up ATM and additional safe deposit boxes.

Second National Bank will open a new Hudson Banking Center in May of 2004. The 3200-square-foot facility will be located at 5801 Darrow Road in Hudson, only 1.2 miles from our existing Hudson office. The new location, within easy access from Route 91, will feature full-service banking including a drive-up ATM, two drive-thru banking lanes, night depository, a walk-in vault and safe deposit boxes.

A new Medina Banking Center, located at 1065 North Court Street on Route 42 (in the K-Mart plaza), is also scheduled to open in May of 2004. This facility is only one mile from our existing banking center and just a little more than a mile from the town square. The 3200-square-foot Medina office will offer full-service banking including a drive-up ATM, two drive-thru banking lanes, night depository, a walk-in vault and safe deposit boxes.

Smart Business Checking and Freedom Checking, two new product offerings in 2003, focus on valuable features and benefits designed to give Second National personal and business clients the choice advantage of two of the most attractive checking accounts available in the Northeast Ohio marketplace.

Private Banking continues to focus on generating new members, while at the same time cross selling new and enhanced products to current clients as a way of ensuring client satisfaction. We are also focusing on building the business relationships associated with the Private Banking client group.

The ease of transacting business as a Private Banking client was simplified with the addition of free personal and business online banking. Of course, the option of calling your Private Banking Officer anytime for personal assistance remains a key feature of the Private Banking Program.

During 2003, Private Banking expanded the client base by 25% more than 2002, currently serving over 1,050 clients. Loan volume surpassed prior year's production by 56%, generating \$114,955,000 in new loans.

The Private Banking team expanded into the Medina market late in 2003 and we look forward to growing our program in that market during 2004.

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**Mortgage**

Mortgage includes mortgage banking activities, including the ownership, origination, sale and servicing of mortgages.

Our mortgage banking department underwrites and originates a wide range of mortgage loan products and sells a significant volume of them primarily on a servicing retained basis. Generally, the loans sold into the secondary mortgage market make funds available for reuse in mortgage or other lending activities. The sales typically generate a net gain (including origination fee income and deferred origination costs), limit the interest rate risk caused by holding long-term, fixed-rate loans, and supplement our portfolio of serviced loans which generate fee income. We originated over \$1.19 billion of loans in 2003 and serviced \$1.75 billion in mortgage loans for others at December 31, 2003.

Second National's Mortgage lending business line continued during 2003 to capitalize on the profitability of mortgage loans by emphasizing proactivity and efficiency through a sales culture focused on fee generation, origination and sale of investment quality mortgages, sales development and technological resources.

In the Retail portion of our production activities, Second National's mortgage originators and mortgage sales managers achieved an increase of 42 percent compared to 2002 while Retail production increased 36.67 percent from the previous year.

Of special note during 2003, Mortgage Servicing reached the benchmark of \$2 billion of mortgages serviced together with a net increase of 4,221 accounts, representing a year end total of 22,666 loans serviced. Our continued strong Tier I server rating with our primary loan purchaser, which provides for better pricing, is evidence that our plan for migrating from a portfolio mindset to a secondary market environment with staff and banking centers was successful.

Related to the fact that 74 percent of Second National's mortgage servicing during 2003 was performed on behalf of our major loan purchasers, FreddieMac and Fannie Mae, it is important to note that Mike Filarski, Senior Vice President, Mortgage Lending & Servicing, accepted an appointment to become a member of Freddie Mac's prestigious Community Lender Advisory Board. Membership in the Freddie Mac's Community Lender Advisory Board is limited to a highly select group of professionals and provides a vital conduit for sharing objective, proactive opinions about the ever-changing mortgage lending industry.

To help offset anticipated nationwide drop offs in mortgage production and refinancing during 2004, we have escalated our emphasis on expansion into new market areas, improvements in operational efficiencies and a primary dedication to optimum service levels. Staffing will continue to be strongly monitored using industry standard benchmarks. Relationship building, supported by quality, efficiency and the skilled application of new technological tools, will be the foundation for continuing profitability in 2004.

Second National's new mortgage website is accessed by logging on to [www.secondnationalbank.com](http://www.secondnationalbank.com). This website serves as a new channel of business for our organization while at the same time providing clients/members with a number of helpful services.

Our online users are now able to:

Apply for a mortgage at their convenience, 24/7

Obtain a loan decision in seconds, not days

Access online mortgage calculators, a glossary of mortgage terms and product information

Complete a customized application that only asks questions applying to their specific situation

View SNB current mortgage rates



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Set up a rate watch alert when certain rates are reached  
Second National Bank associates now have the benefits of:

Originating loans at any time during the day or week

Improved application thoroughness at the time of loan submission, meaning less follow-up work is required to get the loan approved and ready for closing

Enhanced productivity by using the automated underwriting functionality, thereby freeing up underwriters to focus on the more difficult loan decisions

Increased efficiency through integration with our loan processing system

**Other Activities**

Community Development Banking continued its forward momentum in 2003 with a primary focus on expanding its sales efforts, increasing its delivery system in urban markets, and enhancing financial literacy and outreach activities.

With an emphasis on home ownership lending in 2003, we expanded our community mortgage loan originators to include Mahoning, Trumbull, Ashtabula and Summit Counties. Those originators are dedicated to serving low-and moderate-income families and have established relationships with non-profit organizations and community groups that provide home ownership, debt management and financial literacy counseling. Their goal is to provide affordable home mortgages to first time homebuyers and families with modest means. All community mortgage loan originators have significant experience in government lending, including FHA and VA lending which offer programs designed to increase home ownership in urban markets.

In addition, Community Development Banking opened two Community Mortgage Production offices in Warren and Akron, Ohio. Those new alternative delivery channels will complement the existing retail branch network by giving residents in the community better access to Second National's home loan products. Those offices staffed with the community mortgage loan originators are located within non-profit organizations that serve families within the urban communities.

Second National's commitment to community development continued to strengthen in 2003 with a record breaking year of more than \$20 million dollars in community development loans.

Some of the projects funded include:

Construction of a 40-unit, 3-story senior citizens complex in Mahoning County

Construction of a 48-unit, 3-story senior citizens complex in Summit County

Construction of a 40-unit, single-family housing project in Mahoning County

Construction of a 50-bed nursing home in Franklin County

Construction of a 5-unit single family home ownership project in Stark County

Acquisition and renovation of 25 distressed properties in Cuyahoga County

Acquisition of a 200-bed nursing home in Franklin County

Expansion and funding of an economic development corporation in Trumbull County

Expansion of a youth development organization in Trumbull County

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Second National also placed significant emphasis on financial literacy, offering several innovative and exciting programs. Some of these programs include Teach Children to Save Day and Make a Difference Day. Bank officers and associates participated in these events and partnered with the public schools and housing authorities to provide training on savings products and setting financial goals. Second National reached more than 440 youths with these programs. In addition, the Bank sponsored a Dress for Success clothing drive, donating several suits and other business attire to an organization that helps low income women return to the work force.

Several other community events included economic opportunity mixers, minority trade fairs, homebuyer seminars, entrepreneurial programs and Community Day of Caring with United Way. Overall, Second National provided more than 40 community development services and participated in over 25 community events in its host communities in 2003.

Second National Bank also continued to provide financial support of organizations that promote economic growth within our communities. In 2003 the Bank made contributions and commitments of over \$1.1 million to assist in the creation of affordable housing, job development and numerous other community development initiatives.

We will continue to approach Community Development as an opportunity not an obligation.

Wealth Management integrates traditional Trust products and services with the financial specialization capabilities of Private Banking plus opportunity guidance provided by our Investment Center. Our mission is to protect, manage, and grow the assets of individual and business clients.

During 2003, Second National took strides to position the Bank as a premier provider of Wealth Management services in our marketplaces. For example:

Our Investment Center became part of Wealth Management. This logical progression in the evolution of asset management creates additional value for clients by providing financial planning and investment expertise as well as the opportunity to invest in mutual funds, securities, and fixed/variable annuities and to purchase insurance products. Internally, we have achieved greater efficiency in that by placing these functions together, all referrals are directed to one place and are then assigned to the area that can best serve the needs of the client.

Additionally, Wealth Management enhanced its involvement with insurance through the addition of an insurance specialist to its professional staff. This will strengthen our focus on life insurance, disability and long term care packages. Although insurance products are not new, the presence of a true specialist will enhance increased cross selling and the ability to build relationships by dovetailing insurance programs into broader financial planning.

During 2003, we added Wealth Management business development officers in our Hub Financial Services Centers in Beachwood, North Olmsted, Akron and in Trumbull County, thereby increasing the flow of leads and new account opportunities through our business pipeline.

In April Second National Bank announced a new broker/dealer affiliation with UVEST® Financial Services. UVEST, established in 1982, was one of the first firms in the country to offer bank-based investment programs once laws were revised to allow banks to offer non-deposit securities. Independently owned and with a support staff of more than 100 professionals, UVEST partners only with financial institutions. The firm is endorsed by the American Bankers Association and is a registered securities broker-dealer and member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, the Security Investors Protection Corporation and the Securities Industry Association. Clients of Second National Bank's Investment Center will benefit from our new relationship with UVEST because of expanded financial products and services, including a full range of securities brokerage services, financial planning, professional money management, stocks, bonds, mutual funds and annuities.

During 2003, Wealth Management introduced the MAP Account. Historically a client had one basic choice when it came to how assets were invested, and that was the individual style and preferences of the

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account manager. The MAP Account accommodates all levels of asset amounts beginning as low as \$25,000. Depending upon the level of assets, there are choices ranging from mutual fund families to a series of asset management options related to client-specific issues. This new program provides clients significantly greater flexibility in working with Second National Wealth Managers to determine optimum, individualized investment strategies.

Also introduced during 2003 was the American Funds platform providing corporate clients with an additional option in the 401(k) arena. Second National previously offered two platforms: one for larger companies who want all of the available technology, and a second for plan sponsors who want the benefit of a 401(k) plan but do not need state of the art technology. The introduction of the American Funds 401(k) platform provides many smaller companies with state of the art technology with the caveat that in order to avail themselves of such benefits they are limited to using only American Funds as their investment of choice. American Funds, the largest mutual fund family distributed exclusively by financial advisers, is the third largest mutual fund family in the U.S., with more than \$300 billion in investments and over 20 million shareholder accounts.

Wealth Management's web-based TrustReporter now offers clients the ability to view trust accounts online. With just a few clicks authorized users can view their portfolio, transactions, assets, and holdings without leaving the home or office. A variety of useful reports and graphics are also available. Demonstrations of the features of TrustReporter as well as access to the program itself are easily accessed at [www.seconernationalbank.com](http://www.seconernationalbank.com).

During the past 12 months since the Stouffer-Herzog Insurance Agency became a part of Second National Bank, we have successfully accomplished the integration of staff, benefits and communication systems and have grown this portion of the business by more than 10 percent. In doing so, the Bank absorbed some of the back office functions of the insurance agency thereby increasing efficiency and decreasing total staff. We are on track with our objective of increasing the partnering of Bank employees and insurance agency personnel in order to cross sell our products to Bank customers and, conversely, Second National products and services to our insurance clients.

Our Client Advantage Program (CAP), created to build long term relationships and to develop a sales culture for Second National Bank, continues to meet its objectives through Client Preference Interviews that provide our associates the knowledge necessary to address current and future client financial needs. Throughout the Bank, associates have the capability of reviewing individual performance via Monthly Achievement Results (MAR).

Sales training and coaching accomplished in groups and on a one-to-one basis under the umbrella of CAP produced many notable achievements throughout the organization. These include measurable improvements in client service; heightened levels of cross selling; increased outbound call volumes; enhanced effectiveness in the use of technology and core systems such as the Financial Information System (FIS); and amplified attention to client retention. Formalized training has also encompassed issues such as professionalism in the work place, supervisory, sales, phone and listening skills, plus guidance in effectively conducting Client Preference Interviews.

The beneficial results of CAP are seen in comparative results. In 2003, 12,524 Client Preference Interviews were generated. Outbound calls jumped dramatically this year to 86,385 versus 49,682 in 2002. Most importantly, cross selling has increased during 2003 to 3.01 for associate cross sells, an increase from the 2002 level of 2.70.

Our CAP Sales Task Force continues to apply itself to ways of increasing our selling and relationship-building efforts through lobby displays, contests between banking centers, recognition of individuals for successful selling efforts, and a variety of other promotional and incentive activities.

As of January 1, 2004, Second National Bank has 13,012 online clients...impressive growth compared to 7,083 at the same time last year. Of our current online users, 2,061 use the online banking bill pay function. That compares to 483 during the same period last year.

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In October, Second National Bank began offering online banking and online bill pay free of charge to all personal and business clients. Online banking functions were enhanced by the addition of loan and deposit account applications in a post-login environment for all online banking clients.

Numerous enhancements were made to the Bank's website, including Map Me! instructions to any office from any location in the United States; a link to the Stouffer-Herzog website and vice versa; press releases; informational articles; expanded FAQs, MortgageBot and TrustReporter.

As part of our commitment to supporting area businesses, Second National is sponsoring a monthly profile television feature that will ultimately recognize companies as Entrepreneurs of the Valley. This salute to forward thinking features a 30-second video vignette that will air on local television during key viewing times such as the daybreak, evening and late evening news. Each month's entrepreneur will also be the subject of a live news video segment.

The first two entrepreneurs receiving this honor were Gerald E. Henn, President of the Henn Workshops; and Leonard J. Fisher, owner of Handel's Ice Cream. Mr. Henn's company, located in Lordstown since 1982, markets fine handcrafted reproductions of 18th and 19th century baskets, pottery, and Shaker woodenware. Mr. Fisher owns the Handel's Ice Cream & Yogurt Franchise headquartered in Canfield, Ohio where the company has been successfully making and selling homemade ice cream since 1945. Both Mr. Henn and Mr. Fisher represent the best in quality, service to customers, marketplace innovation and integrity in business.

As in every year, Second National Bank and our many associates are attentive to contributing their time and resources through civic and charitable activities to the betterment of the communities we serve. During 2003 that included active participation in events such as the Jefferson Area Chamber of Commerce 12th Annual Food Drive, the 10th consecutive year of the Trumbull County American Cancer Society Relay For Life, the Junior Achievement Bowl-a-thon and the Akron Breast Cancer Walk.

The outstanding hard work and professional dedication demonstrated by our associates and vendors during the strenuous effort to quickly help Second National Bank recover from flood damage during 2003 was a shining success. These exceptional and positive contributions helped us to effectively overcome what might otherwise have become truly disastrous to our business and are a testament to the value of the careful preplanning in place to enable fast response to unexpected events. It is said that rock-solid strength is not developed by being happy in everyday circumstances but rather, is forged by challenging adversity and surviving difficult times together. These two words may not adequately express the depth of our appreciation, but please know that they are completely heartfelt: Thank You!

## **Achievements**

The profitable forward movement of Second National Bank during 2003 received recognition in numerous ways by a variety of objective sources.

The Growth Partnership for Ashtabula County recognized Second National Bank with its Best of the County award in the banking category.

The Best of the County celebration was initiated in the 1980s to honor achievements involving business growth, community growth and the best use of human and natural resources.

This year's award reflects the commitment of Second National Bank to the Ashtabula County communities, most notably a \$16 million loan package that financed the Geneva State Park Lodge/Conference Center. Second National also established itself as a leader in home mortgages and repeatedly received recognition by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for providing more small business loans than any other bank lender in the Cleveland district, which includes Ashtabula.

The Greater Cleveland Growth Association's Growth Capital Corp. awarded Second National Bank its 2003 Emerging Bank of the Year award. This honor recognizes banks that originated a loan during the year utilizing the SBA 504 program or the Ohio Regional 166 program through Growth Capital Corp. for the first time. Second National originated three loans totaling \$1,569,000. Growth Capital Corp. is the

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Greater Cleveland Growth Association's business finance arm and provides financial assistance to the region's businesses to foster economic growth and jobs creation in Northeast Ohio.

Once again, Second Bancorp Incorporated received highly favorable evaluations as reported by *The Plain Dealer* in their ranking of Ohio's Best Performing Public Companies. In *The Plain Dealer* 100, Second Bancorp Incorporated placed:

48 on the overall list...up from 64 in 2002.

26 in the Top 50 Ohio stocks. These Ohio companies saw the biggest rise in stock price last year.

*The Plain Dealer* 100 is a ranking of Ohio companies by seven performance criteria including revenue; compound growth in revenue; compound growth in net income; return on average common equity; total return; percent change in net income margin; and market value, or capitalization.

Second Bancorp Incorporated also ranked:

20 in Northeast Ohio 20, a subset of *The Plain Dealer* 100.

10 in Best Northeast Ohio Banks. Return on average common equity added to profit margin and the efficiency ratio to determine the region's best banks.

Second National Bank once again received the Number One Bank vote in the *Tribune Chronicle* Reader's Choice Contest. This is the fourth year in a row that Second National received the Best of the Best award.

Second National Bank president and CEO, Rick Blossom, received the Entrepreneur of the Year Award in the Financial Services category of the prestigious 2003 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year awards program. The awards mark the end of an intensive search to identify and recognize outstanding business entrepreneurs.

A press release from Ernst & Young summarizing the award notes:

High on Rick Blossom's list of objectives when he joined the bank was balancing the twin realities of Second National as both a regional and a community bank...serving Main Street and Wall Street! His goal: to achieve profitable equilibrium through aggressive business development while running a tight, highly efficient company that provides service to its clients.

Established in 1988 the E&Y Entrepreneur of the Year award recognizes great business achievements around the world and was created to make the public more aware of the benefits entrepreneurs provide to the international economy and our global communities.

Second National is pleased to be a part of the business success demonstrated by 11 of our clients recently recognized with 2003 Business Growth Awards co-sponsored by Smart Business magazine and the Cascade Capital Corp. This award honors companies in Summit, Portage, Medina, Ashland, Holmes and Wayne Counties that have experienced significant sales or employment growth. Among the 40 companies that reached this impressive milestone, more than a quarter have a progressive working relationship with Second National. They include:

Darko, Inc. Diskin Enterprises, Inc. Emerald Environmental, Inc. Highlander Logo Products Hunter's Manufacturing Co., Inc. Ice Tubes, Inc. Mid American Security Services, Inc. Natural Essentials, Inc. Qualiform, Inc. Ray's Discount Drugs, Inc. Worens Group  
Our latest television advertising campaign produced impressive results, not only across all lines of our business, but also within the advertising industry. The Baker TV spot, which began airing in January, received a gold award at the 2003 Financial Communications Society (FCS) Portfolio Awards.

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This prestigious award is for Business-to-Business Television, a notoriously tough category in which there were no other winners. The FCS awards seek to promote the best and most innovative broadcast and print work in the financial services industry.

Baker was one of three spots produced by Second National and Brokaw Inc. The same campaign received featured status in an online write-up at adweek.com, a weekly trade publication for the advertising and marketing industries. Adweek highlights advertising it believes shines above the rest and extolled our Baker TV spot for its unique take on the way we improve the lives of our customers.

## **Market Area**

Second National's primary market area consists of Trumbull, Ashtabula, Portage, Mahoning, Summit, Medina, Stark, Cuyahoga and Wayne counties in the northeast and east-central portions of Ohio, to the east and south of the Cleveland metropolitan area. The market area's economy is heavily influenced by the manufacturing sector with an emphasis on steel, auto manufacturing and a variety of related and smaller industries. The area has benefited from an extensive transportation system comprised mainly of railroad and trucking systems.

## **Competition**

There is significant competition in the financial services industry in northeast Ohio among commercial banks. As a result of deregulation of the financial services industry, Second Bancorp also competes with other providers of financial services such as savings and loan associations, credit unions, commercial finance companies, brokerage and securities firms, insurance companies, commercial finance and leasing companies and the mutual fund industry. Some of Second Bancorp's competitors, including certain regional bank holding companies, which have operations in Second Bancorp's market area, have substantially greater resources than Second Bancorp, and as such, may have higher lending limits and may offer other services not available through Second National. Second Bancorp also faces significant competition, particularly with respect to interest rates paid on deposit accounts, from well-capitalized local thrift institutions. Second National competes on the basis of rates of interest charged on loans, the rates of interest paid on funds, the availability of services and responsiveness to the needs of its customers.

## **Regulation**

Second Bancorp is a one bank financial holding company and is regulated by the Federal Reserve Bank (the FRB). Second National is a national bank and is regulated by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (the OCC), as well as the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the FDIC). Dramatic changes have developed over the past several years regarding minimum capital requirements for financial institutions. A listing of the minimum requirements for capital and Second Bancorp's capital position as of December 31, 2003 and 2002 are presented in footnote 18 of Item 8; Financial Statements and Supplementary Data and is hereby incorporated by reference. Under applicable regulations, for a depository institution to be well capitalized it must have a total risk-based capital ratio of at least 10%, a Tier I risk based capital ratio of at least 6% and a Tier I leverage ratio of at least 5% and not be subject to any specific capital order or directive. For a depository institution to be adequately capitalized, it must have a total risk-based capital ratio of at least 8%, a Tier I risk-based capital ratio of at least 4% and a Tier I leverage ratio of at least 4% (or in some cases 3%). Under the regulations, a depository institution will be deemed to be undercapitalized if the depository institution has a total risk-based capital ratio that is less than 8%, a Tier I risk-based capital ratio that is less than 4% or a Tier I leverage ratio of less than 4% (or in some cases 3%). A depository institution will be deemed to be significantly undercapitalized if the depository institution has a total risk-based capital ratio that is less than 6%, a Tier I risk-based capital ratio that is less than 3%, or a Tier I leverage ratio that is less than 3% and will be deemed to be critically undercapitalized if it has a ratio of tangible equity to total assets that is equal to less than 2%.

Regulations generally prohibit a depository institution from making a capital distribution (including payment of dividends) or paying management fees to any entity that controls the institution if it thereafter would be undercapitalized. If a depository institution becomes undercapitalized, it will be generally restricted from borrowing from the Federal Reserve, increasing its average total assets, making any acquisitions, establishing any branches or engaging in any new line of business. An undercapitalized institution must submit an acceptable capital restoration plan to the appropriate federal banking agency, which plan must, in the opinion of such agency, be based on realistic assumptions and be likely to succeed in restoring the

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depository institution's capital. In connection with the approval of such a plan, the holding company of the depository institution must guarantee that the institution will comply with the plan, subject to a limitation of liability equal to a portion of the depository institution's assets. If an undercapitalized depository institution fails to submit an acceptable plan or fails to implement such a plan, it will be treated as if it is significantly undercapitalized.

Bank regulators are directed to require significantly undercapitalized depository institutions, among other things, to restrict business activities, raise capital through a sale of stock, merge with another depository institution and/or take any other action which the agency determines would better carry out the purposes of applicable banking laws.

Within 90 days after a depository institution is determined to be critically undercapitalized, the appropriate federal banking agency must, in most cases, appoint a receiver or conservator for the institution or take other action. In general, critically undercapitalized depository institutions will be prohibited from paying principal or interest on their subordinated debt and will be subject to other substantial restrictions.

Second Bancorp is subject to regulation under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended (the Act). The Act requires the prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board for a bank holding company to acquire or hold more than a 5% voting interest in any bank, and restricts interstate banking activities. The Act allows interstate bank acquisitions anywhere in the country and interstate branching by acquisition and consolidation in those states that have not opted out by January 1, 1997. Among the states where Second Bancorp may acquire banks are Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. The Act restricts non-banking activities to those, which are determined by the Federal Reserve Board to be closely related to banking and a proper incident thereto. The Act does not place territorial restrictions on the activities of non-bank subsidiaries of bank holding companies. The Act also regulates transactions between Second Bancorp and Second National and generally prohibits tie-ins between credit and other products and services. Banking laws and regulations also contain a variety of other provisions that could affect the operations of Second Bancorp, including reporting requirements, regulatory standards for real estate lending, limits on the amount that may be loaned to one borrower, truth in savings provisions, the requirement that a depository institution give 90 days prior notice to customers and regulatory authorities before closing any branch, limitations on credit exposure between banks, restrictions on loans to a bank's insiders, guidelines governing regulatory examinations and restrictions on the sharing of customer information.

Second National is subject to regulation under the National Banking Act and is periodically examined by the OCC and is subject, as a member bank, to the rules and regulations of the FRB. Second National is an insured institution and member of the Bank Insurance Fund (BIF) and also has approximately \$429 million in deposits acquired through acquisitions of savings and loan institutions that are insured through the Savings Association Insurance Fund (SAIF). As such, Second National is also subject to regulation by the FDIC. Establishment of branches is subject to approval of the OCC and geographic limits established by state law.

### **Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act**

The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (the GLB Act) established a comprehensive framework to permit affiliations among commercial banks, insurance companies, securities firms and other financial service providers through the creation of a financial holding company entity. Bank holding companies that elect to become financial holding companies have the ability to expand their activities from those historically permissible for bank holding companies and engage in activities that are financial in nature or complementary to financial activities, including securities and insurance activities, sponsoring mutual funds and investment companies and merchant banking. Financial holding companies are also permitted to acquire, without regulatory approval, a company, other than a bank or savings association, engaged in activities that are financial in nature or incidental to activities that are deemed financial in nature by the Federal Reserve Board.

In order to become a financial holding company, a bank holding company must file a declaration with the Federal Reserve Bank indicating its desire to become a financial holding company. In addition, all subsidiary banks of the bank holding company must be well capitalized, well managed and have at least a satisfactory rating under the Community Reinvestment Act. Failure to maintain the well-capitalized standard or the

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other criteria for a financial holding company may result in requirements to correct the deficiency or limit activities to those allowed bank holding companies.

In 2000, Second Bancorp elected to become a financial holding company.

### **Deposit Insurance Assessments**

The FDIC is authorized to establish separate annual assessment rates for deposit insurance for members of the BIF and the SAIF. The FDIC may increase assessment rates for either fund if necessary to restore the fund's ratio of reserves to insured deposits to its target level within a reasonable time and may decrease such rates if such target level has been met. The FDIC has established a risk-based assessment system for both BIF and SAIF members. Under this system, assessments vary based on the risk the institution poses to its deposit insurance fund. The risk level is determined based on the institution's capital level and the FDIC's level of supervisory concern about the depository institution.

Based upon its respective level of deposits at December 31, 2003, the projected BIF and SAIF assessments for Second National for 2004 will total approximately \$174,000.

### **Interstate Banking and Branching Legislation**

The Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act of 1994 (the IBBEA) authorized interstate acquisitions of banks and bank holding companies without geographic constraint beginning September 29, 1995. Beginning June 1, 1997, the IBBEA also authorizes banks to merge with banks located in another state provided that neither state has opted out of interstate branching between September 29, 1994 and May 31, 1997. After acquiring interstate branches through a merger, a bank may establish additional branches in that state at the same locations as any bank involved in the merger could have established branches under state and federal law. In addition, a bank may establish a de novo branch in another state that expressly permits the establishment of such branches. A bank that establishes a de novo interstate branch may thereafter establish additional branches on the same basis as a bank that has established interstate branches through a merger transaction.

If a state opts out of interstate branching, no bank from another state may establish a branch in that state, whether through a merger or by a de novo establishment. Pennsylvania, the state in closest proximity to Second National, has opted to permit interstate branching.

### **Insurance Regulation**

Stouffer-Herzog Insurance Agency is subject to the insurance laws and regulations of the State of Ohio and the Ohio Department of Insurance. The insurance laws and regulations require education and licensing of individual agents and agencies, require the filing of reports and impose business conduct rules.

### **Sarbanes-Oxley Act**

On July 30, 2002, President Bush signed into law the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the Sarbanes-Oxley Act). The stated goals of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act are to increase corporate responsibility, to provide for enhanced penalties for accounting and auditing improprieties at publicly traded companies and to protect investors by improving the accuracy and reliability of corporate disclosures made pursuant to the securities laws. The proposed changes are intended to allow shareholders to monitor the performance of companies and directors more easily and efficiently.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act generally applies to all companies, both U.S. and non-U.S., that file or are required to file reports with the SEC under the Exchange Act. Further, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act includes very specific additional disclosure requirements and new corporate governance rules, requires the SEC, securities exchanges and the NASDAQ Stock Market to adopt extensive additional disclosure, corporate governance and other related rules and mandates further studies of certain issues by the SEC and the Comptroller General. Given the extensive role in implementing rules relating to many of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act's new requirements, the final scope of these requirements remains to be determined.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act and regulations adopted by the SEC and rules of the NASDAQ stock market implementing the Sarbanes-Oxley Act address, among other matters: audit and nominating committee



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composition and responsibilities; certification of financial statements by the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer; the forfeiture of bonuses and profits made by directors and senior officers in the twelve-month period covered by restated financial statements; a prohibition on insider trading during pension plan black out periods; disclosure of off-balance sheet transactions; a prohibition on personal loans to directors and officers (excluding loans by insured depository institutions that are subject to the insider lending restrictions of the Federal Reserve Act); expedited filing requirements for stock transaction reports by officers and directors; the formation of a public accounting oversight board; auditor independence; and various increased criminal penalties for violations of securities laws.

### **Employees**

The number of full time equivalent employees of Second Bancorp as of December 31, 2003 was approximately 595. Second Bancorp considers its employee relations to be good. None of the employees are covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

### **Web Site Access to United States Securities and Exchange Commission Filings**

Second Bancorp's internet address is [www.secondbancorp.com](http://www.secondbancorp.com). All reports filed electronically by Second Bancorp Incorporated with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), including the annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current event reports on Form 8-K, as well as any amendments to those reports, are accessible at no cost through the Corporation's Web site. These filings are also accessible on the SEC's Web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

## **Item 2. PROPERTIES**

Second Bancorp's executive offices are located at Second National's main office building in Warren, Ohio, which is leased by Second National under a long-term triple net lease agreement with a term, including optional renewals, expiring on October 31, 2029. Second National has the option to purchase the main office facility before two optional renewal periods at the fair market value in existence at that time. Second National owns eight of its banking center locations and one administrative building, while Second National's 25 other banking center locations are leased under lease and sublease agreements with remaining terms of 1 to 20 years. Second National also has leases for five loan production offices for one year and office space locations with remaining lease terms of three to five years.

## **Item 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

Second Bancorp is subject to various pending and threatened lawsuits in which claims for monetary damages are asserted in the ordinary course of business. While any litigation involves an element of uncertainty, in the opinion of management, liabilities, if any, arising from such litigation or threat thereof will not have a material effect on the financial position or results of operations of Second Bancorp.

## **Item 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS**

There were no special meetings for shareholders since last year's annual meeting.

**Table of Contents****Item 4 A. IDENTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

The following table sets forth the names, ages and business experience for the last five years of each of the executive officers of the Corporation. Each executive officer of the Corporation is appointed by the Board of Directors on an annual basis, and serves at the pleasure of the Board.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Position and Experience</u>	<u>Year Appointed</u>
R. L. (Rick) Blossom	56	Chairman, President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Second Bancorp and Chairman, President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Second National. Former Chief Executive Officer and Director of First National Bank of Southwestern Ohio and Senior Vice President and Chief Lending Officer of First Financial Bancorp.	1999
David L. Kellerman	46	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Second Bancorp and Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Second National.	1987
Christopher Stanitz	55	Executive Vice President and Secretary of Second Bancorp and Senior Vice President of Second National.	1992
Thomas W. Allen	59	Executive Officer of Second Bancorp and Senior Vice President of Second National, previously Senior Vice President and Senior Fiduciary Officer for Northern Indiana for Key Trust Company of Indiana (1997 to 2000).	2000
Diane C. Bastic	60	Executive Officer of Second Bancorp and Senior Vice President of Second National.	1985
John L. Falatok	46	Executive Officer of Second Bancorp and Senior Vice President of Second National. Previously Vice President of Second National.	2000
Myron Filarski	55	Executive Officer of Second Bancorp and Senior Vice President of Second National. Former President for Signal Mortgage (1998-99).	1999
Darryl E. Mast	53	Executive Officer of Second Bancorp and Senior Vice President of Second National.	1986

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**PART II.**

**Item 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON STOCK AND RELATED SHAREHOLDER MATTERS**

Second Bancorp's Common Stock trades on The NASDAQ National Market tier of The NASDAQ Stock Market under the trading symbol SECD. As of January 31, 2004, the number of shareholders of record of the Common Stock totaled 2,804. Information regarding stock prices and dividend payments is incorporated herein by reference from Item 7; Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. Dividend restrictions are detailed in footnote 18 of Item 8; Second Bancorp's Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Equity Compensation Plan information is incorporated herein by reference to Part III, Item 11; Executive Compensation.

The subsidiary Second Bancorp Capital Trust I's Corporation-obligated mandatorily redeemable capital securities ( Trust Preferred Securities ) also trade on The NASDAQ National Market under the trading symbol SECDP. The securities began trading September 28, 2001 and in 2001 traded to a high of \$11.25, and a low of \$10.10 and closed at \$11.00 on December 31, 2001. In 2002, the securities traded to a high of \$11.60, a low of \$9.985 and closed at \$10.63 on December 31, 2002. In 2003, the securities traded to a high of \$11.75, a low of \$10.68 and closed at \$11.45 on December 31, 2003.

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(Dollars in thousands except per share data or as otherwise indicated)

The following is a summary of the quarterly results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002.

2003	Three Months Ended			
	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31
Interest income	\$25,901	\$25,388	\$25,229	\$26,044
Interest expense	11,818	11,598	11,412	11,863
Net interest income	14,083	13,790	13,817	14,181
Provision for loan losses	2,173	2,855	1,096	1,486
Other income	8,592	10,700	3,491	5,581
Gain on sale of banking centers	5,619			
Security gains	51		3,566	967
Other expenses	13,673	14,016	13,076	13,998
Income before federal income taxes	12,499	7,619	6,702	5,245
Federal income taxes	3,838	2,181	1,795	1,096
Net income	8,661	5,438	4,907	4,149
Earnings per common share: (1)				
Basic	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.44
Diluted	\$ 0.89	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.43
2002	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31
Interest income	\$27,023	\$27,104	\$26,834	\$26,311
Interest expense	12,866	12,701	12,880	12,365
Net interest income	14,157	14,403	13,954	13,946
Provision for loan losses	933	1,303	1,573	2,350
Other income	5,157	4,053	6,329	7,314
Security (losses) gains	(193)		832	(67)
Merger-related costs			124	10
Banking center reconfiguration				2,096
Other expenses	11,797	11,283	11,717	12,469
Income before federal income taxes	6,391	5,870	7,701	4,268
Federal income taxes	1,708	1,517	2,165	840
Net income	4,683	4,353	5,536	3,428
Earnings per common share: (1)				
Basic	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.35
Diluted	0.47	0.43	0.55	0.34

(1) The sum of the four quarters of earnings per share might not equal the total earnings per share for the full year due to rounding.

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This Selected Financial Data should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes.

For the Years Ended December 31

<b>Selected Financial Data</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1999</b>
<b>Results of Operations:</b>					
Interest income	\$ 102,562	\$ 107,272	\$ 112,557	\$ 116,298	\$ 104,582
Interest expense	46,691	50,812	62,367	66,921	55,310
Net interest income	55,871	56,460	50,190	49,377	49,272
Provision for loan losses	7,610	6,159	4,718	7,129	3,195
Other income	38,567	23,425	19,528	8,275	14,792
Other expense	54,763	49,496	41,939	44,213	39,330
Income before federal income taxes	32,065	24,230	23,061	6,310	21,539
Federal income tax expense	8,910	6,230	5,880	176	5,361
Net income before cumulative effect of accounting change	\$ 23,155	\$ 18,000	\$ 17,181	\$ 6,134	\$ 16,178
<b>Cumulative effect of accounting change- SFAS No. 133</b>					
Net income	\$ 23,155	\$ 18,000	\$ 17,080	\$ 6,134	\$ 16,178
<b>Per Common Share Data:</b>					
Basic earnings before cumulative effect of accounting change	N/A	N/A	\$ 1.72	N/A	N/A
Diluted earnings before cumulative effect of accounting change	N/A	N/A	1.70	N/A	N/A
Basic earnings	\$ 2.43	\$ 1.82	1.71	\$ 0.60	\$ 1.52
Diluted earnings	2.41	1.79	1.69	0.60	1.51
Cash dividends	0.76	0.72	0.68	0.64	0.56
Book value, December 31	14.47	13.97	12.90	11.65	11.12
Market value, December 31	26.40	26.50	21.61	14.50	22.38
<b>Weighted-average shares outstanding</b>					
Basic	9,512,324	9,905,832	10,013,068	10,247,025	10,635,852
Diluted	9,623,388	10,040,001	10,080,005	10,271,548	10,698,717
Shares outstanding at year-end	9,471,371	9,762,254	9,949,316	10,057,110	10,458,450
<b>Balance Sheet Data:</b>					
<b>As of December 31:</b>					
Total assets	\$2,116,761	\$ 1,894,775	\$ 1,680,356	\$ 1,546,290	\$ 1,537,278
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	1,330,946	1,150,196	1,105,197	1,054,872	1,060,493
Deposits	1,215,342	1,195,112	1,123,131	1,036,135	1,097,589
Shareholders equity	137,016	136,334	128,299	117,197	116,347
<b>Averages:</b>					
Total assets	1,969,670	1,754,156	1,595,968	1,584,016	1,498,946
Earning assets	1,842,980	1,642,907	1,502,164	1,488,334	1,405,195
Loans	1,234,926	1,121,777	1,078,196	1,107,948	1,005,998
Deposits	1,162,555	1,159,350	1,070,439	1,091,441	1,092,260

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Shareholders equity	<b>135,748</b>	134,178	124,773	114,652	121,369
Ratios:					
Return on average assets	<b>1.18%</b>	1.03%	1.09%	0.39%	1.08%
Return on average common shareholders equity	<b>17.06</b>	13.42	13.93	5.35	13.33
Net interest margin	<b>3.14</b>	3.56	3.49	3.46	3.68
Efficiency ratio	<b>59.63</b>	60.81	58.35	70.67	59.45
Dividend pay-out	<b>31.09</b>	39.53	39.80	106.26	36.68
Average loans to average deposits	<b>106.23</b>	96.76	100.72	101.51	92.10
Allowance for loan losses as a percent of loans	<b>1.40</b>	1.51	1.49	1.42	1.04
Net charge-offs as a percent of average loans	<b>0.51</b>	0.47	0.47	0.28	0.27
Non-performing loans to total loans	<b>1.72</b>	1.64	0.94	0.75	0.55
Allowance for loans losses to non- performing loans	<b>81</b>	92	158	191	188
Equity to assets	<b>6.47</b>	7.17	7.64	7.58	7.57
Tier I leverage ratio	<b>7.08</b>	7.68	8.22	7.47	8.15

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The table below details non-GAAP operating results, including the non-GAAP adjustments to GAAP income for the five years ended December 31:

**Selected Financial Data - Non-GAAP Operating Results**

<b>Reconciliation of GAAP vs. non-GAAP results of operations</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1999</b>
Net income	\$ 23,155	\$ 18,000	\$ 17,080	\$ 6,134	\$ 16,178
Adjustments to GAAP to reflect non-GAAP operating results:					
Deduct non-recurring income:					
Gain on sale of banking centers	(5,619)				
Add non-recurring costs:					
Merger costs		134	305		
Banking center reconfiguration		2,096			
Restructuring costs:					
Interest income-deferred costs on sold mortgages				652	
Provision for loan losses				4,100	
Loss on sale of loans				3,711	
Loss on sale of securities				2,808	
Other expenses				2,609	
Total adjustments	(5,619)	2,230	305	13,880	
Federal income tax expense	(1,967)	781	107	4,858	
Add: Cumulative effect of accounting change, net of tax			101		
Net income	<b>\$ 19,503</b>	<b>\$ 19,449</b>	<b>\$ 17,379</b>	<b>\$ 15,156</b>	<b>\$ 16,178</b>
<b>Non-GAAP results of operations:</b>					
Interest income	<b>\$ 102,562</b>	<b>\$ 107,272</b>	<b>\$ 112,557</b>	<b>\$ 116,950</b>	<b>\$ 104,582</b>
Interest expense	<b>46,691</b>	<b>50,812</b>	<b>62,367</b>	<b>66,921</b>	<b>55,310</b>
Net interest income	<b>55,871</b>	<b>56,460</b>	<b>50,190</b>	<b>50,029</b>	<b>49,272</b>
Provision for loan losses	<b>7,610</b>	<b>6,159</b>	<b>4,718</b>	<b>3,029</b>	<b>3,195</b>
Other income	<b>32,948</b>	<b>23,425</b>	<b>19,528</b>	<b>14,794</b>	<b>14,792</b>
Other expense	<b>54,763</b>	<b>47,266</b>	<b>41,634</b>	<b>41,604</b>	<b>39,330</b>
Income before federal income taxes	<b>26,446</b>	<b>26,460</b>	<b>23,366</b>	<b>20,190</b>	<b>21,539</b>
Federal income tax expense	<b>6,943</b>	<b>7,011</b>	<b>5,987</b>	<b>5,034</b>	<b>5,361</b>
Net income	<b>\$ 19,503</b>	<b>\$ 19,449</b>	<b>\$ 17,379</b>	<b>\$ 15,156</b>	<b>\$ 16,178</b>
<b>Non-GAAP ratios:</b>					
Return on average assets	<b>0.99%</b>	<b>1.11%</b>	<b>1.09%</b>	<b>0.96%</b>	<b>1.08%</b>
Return on average common shareholders equity	<b>14.37</b>	<b>14.49</b>	<b>13.93</b>	<b>13.22</b>	<b>13.33</b>
Net interest margin	<b>3.14</b>	<b>3.56</b>	<b>3.49</b>	<b>3.51</b>	<b>3.68</b>
Efficiency ratio	<b>63.52</b>	<b>58.07</b>	<b>58.35</b>	<b>62.17</b>	<b>59.45</b>

The Corporation analyzes its performance on a net income basis determined in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, as well as on a non-GAAP operating basis, referred to in this analysis as non-GAAP operating results or non-GAAP operating earnings. Operating earnings and related discussions are presented as supplementary information in this analysis to enhance the readers understanding of, and highlight trends in, the Corporation's core financial results excluding the nonrecurring effects of discrete activities and events. Operating earnings should not be viewed as a substitute for net income and earnings per share as determined in accordance with

accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Gains from the sale of banking centers, banking center reconfiguration charges, restructuring charges, merger-related costs and cumulative effect of accounting change excluded from net income to derive operating earnings may be significant and may not be comparable to other companies.



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**Item 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

(Dollars in thousands except per share data or as otherwise indicated)

**Forward Looking Statements**

Certain sections of this report contain certain forward-looking statements (as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995). These forward-looking statements may involve significant risks and uncertainties. Although the Corporation believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, actual results may differ materially from these results discussed in these forward-looking statements. Risks and uncertainties that could cause or contribute to such material differences include, but are not limited to, general economic conditions, interest rate environment, competitive conditions in the financial services industry, changes in law, governmental policies and regulations, and rapidly changing technology affecting financial services. These forward looking statements also may be significantly affected by the proposed merger with Sky Financial Group, Inc. Refer to the section entitled General within Item 1; Business.

This Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes.

**Critical Accounting Policies**

The Corporation has established various accounting policies, which govern the application of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States in the preparation of the Corporation's financial statements. The significant accounting principles of the Corporation are described in the notes to the consolidated financial statements. Certain accounting policies involve significant judgments and assumptions by Management, which have a material impact on the carrying value of certain assets and liabilities; Management considers such accounting policies to be critical accounting policies. The judgments and assumptions used by Management are based on historical experience and other factors, which are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Because of the nature of the judgments and assumptions made by Management, actual results could differ from these judgments and estimates, which could have a material impact on the carrying value of assets and liabilities and the results of operations of the Corporation.

**Allowance for Loan Losses**

The Corporation believes the allowance for loan losses is a critical accounting policy that requires the most significant judgments and estimates used in preparation of its consolidated financial statements. Refer to the section entitled Asset Quality and the section Allowance for Loan Losses and Impaired Loans within Note 1, Significant Accounting Policies, for a detailed description of the Corporation's estimation process and methodology related to the allowance for loan losses.

**Valuation of Mortgage Servicing Assets**

The Corporation believes the valuation of mortgage servicing assets is a critical accounting policy that requires significant estimates in preparation of its consolidated financial statements. The Corporation recognizes as separate assets the value of mortgage servicing rights, whether those rights are acquired through loan origination activities or through purchase activities. Refer to the section entitled Servicing Assets and the section Mortgage Servicing Assets within Note 1, Significant Accounting Policies and Note 13, Servicing Assets, for a detailed description of the Corporation's process and methodology.

**Pension Expense**

The Corporation believes that the actuarial assumptions used to calculate the Corporation's pension expense is a critical accounting policy that utilizes estimates in preparation of its consolidated financial statements. The assumptions utilized include the discount rate and expected return on plan assets.

The Corporation intends to maintain the expected return on plan assets at 8.75% in 2004. The Corporation had planned to use a 9.0% expected return on plan assets in 2003 but changed the assumption to 8.75%. Total pension expense in 2004 is expected to be \$1,700 as compared to \$1,397, \$616 and \$289 in 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

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### **Derivative Instruments**

The Corporation believes that SFAS No. 133 - Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities is a critical accounting policy that utilizes estimates in preparation of its consolidated financial statements. The Corporation utilizes derivative instruments in managing risks associated with mortgage servicing assets as well as for managing interest rate risk and its potential impact on the Corporation's earnings stream. Refer to the section entitled Derivative Instruments within Note 1, Significant Accounting Policies, for a detailed description of the Corporation's process and methodology.

### **Results of Operations**

Net income for 2003 totaled \$23,155 and represents a \$5,155, or a 28.6% increase over net income for 2002. Net income in 2003 was impacted by a \$5,619 gain on sale of two banking centers. Net income in 2002 was impacted by a \$2,096 expense for the execution of a banking center reconfiguration strategy. The strategy is designed to improve the overall growth potential and profitability of the retail banking center network. Included in the reconfiguration strategy is the sale of two banking centers (which occurred in the first quarter of 2003), the closure of two facilities in 2002, the consolidation of four facilities into two larger, more accessible facilities (one consolidation was completed in 2003, the other is scheduled to be completed in 2004), the relocation of two facilities to larger, more accessible locations (one relocation occurred in 2003, the other relocation is scheduled to occur in 2004) and the de novo opening of a new banking center in the new market of Wooster, Ohio in 2003. Net income for 2001 totaled \$17,080 and included a \$101 reduction in income from the cumulative effect of an accounting change related to the implementation of SFAS No. 133. Net income in 2002 and 2001 was minimally impacted by \$134 and \$305, respectively, in pre-tax merger costs. The merger-related costs were related to the acquisition of Stouffer-Herzog Insurance Agency. The 2001 merger-related costs were associated with the acquisition of Commerce Exchange Corporation (Commerce). The acquisition of Commerce gives the Corporation further access to the attractive commercial lending market in the suburban Cleveland market.

Also prominent among the factors positively impacting 2003 and 2002 earnings were the higher levels of mortgage banking activities, including the origination and sale of mortgages into the secondary market. Over \$1.19 billion and \$920 million in mortgage loans were originated in 2003 and 2002, respectively. Nearly \$1.09 billion and \$865 million in residential mortgage loans were sold in 2003 and 2002, respectively, generating \$14.8 million and \$10.5 million in gains during those same periods.

Also prominent in the trend in earnings over the past three years has been the compression of the Corporation's net interest margin brought on by three consecutive years of a low interest rate environment. The net interest margin improved slightly in 2002 to 3.56% from 3.49% in 2001 primarily due to lower funding costs. In 2003, a reduction in longer-term interest rates created accelerated prepayments for long-term loans (primarily mortgages) and securities (primarily mortgage-backed and collateralized mortgage obligations). The accelerated prepayments created a reduction in asset yields and an accompanying reduction in the net interest margin to 3.14%.

The Corporation's return on average assets (ROA) was 1.18%, 1.03% and 1.09% for 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. The total shareholders return on average equity (ROE) was 17.06%, 13.42% and 13.93% in 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. The ratios were impacted by the non-recurring gains on sale of banking centers, banking center reconfiguration changes and merger costs. Absent these non-recurring items, the non-GAAP ratios for ROA for the three years were 0.99%, 1.11% and 1.09%, respectively while the non-GAAP ROE for the three years were 14.37%, 14.49% and 13.93%, respectively. After improved operating performance in 2002, both ratios declined in 2003 due primarily to the reduced net interest margin and its impact on net interest income. Both the GAAP and non-GAAP ROE were positively influenced by the continued buy back of the Corporation's common stock.

Diluted earnings per share (EPS) were \$2.41, \$1.79 and \$1.69 in 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. The improvement in EPS from 2002 to 2003 is almost entirely due to the non-recurring gain on sale of banking centers in 2003 and banking center reconfiguration costs in 2002. The market value of the Corporation's common stock, trading under the NASDAQ symbol of SECD, was relatively stable in 2003, finishing the year at \$26.40 as compared to \$26.50 at the end of 2002. The stock price is still improved from its year end 2001 and 2000 closing prices of \$21.61 and \$14.50, respectively. The stock price at year-end 2003 represents a price of 182% of book value, relatively unchanged from 189% at the end of

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2002. The price/earnings ratio for the stock at year-end 2003 (based on the trailing twelve months earnings) was 11.0X. Dividends declared in 2003 totaled \$0.76 per share compared to \$0.72 and \$0.68 per share in 2002 and 2001, respectively.

**Net Interest Income**

Revenue continues to be provided primarily from interest and fees on loans, which totaled \$76,493, \$80,593 and \$86,723 in 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. This represents 54%, 62% and 66% of total revenues for those years. The decline in the dollar amount of loan interest is due entirely to the reduction in yields brought on by the continued low interest rate environment. The percentage decline is due to the increased revenue from mortgage banking activities in 2002 and 2003. Interest income on securities is also a major source of revenue, contributing 18%, 20% and 19% of revenues in 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

Net interest income declined by 1.0% from 2002 to 2003 as the decline in the net interest margin from 3.56% to 3.14% during the same time frame more than offset the 12.2% increase in average earning assets over the past year. Net interest income improved by 12.5% in 2002 as compared to 2001 due primarily to a 9.4% increase in average earning assets and a seven basis point improvement in the net interest margin.

The relationship between net interest income, fully taxable equivalent ( FTE ) net interest income, earning assets and net interest margin for the past three years follows:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Net interest income - per Financial Statements	\$ 55,871	\$ 56,460	\$ 50,190
Tax equivalent Adjustment	1,977	2,083	2,277
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Net interest income - FTE	\$ 57,848	\$ 58,543	\$ 52,467
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Average earning Assets	\$1,842,980	\$1,642,907	\$1,502,164
Net interest margin - FTE	3.14%	3.56%	3.49%
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Net interest income can be analyzed through the use of the Yields Analysis table. The table shows a three-year comparison of the average balance of interest earning assets and interest bearing liabilities along with interest and yields associated with them.

**Yields Analysis**

Year Ended December 31	2003			2002			2001		
	Average		Yield/	Average		Yield/	Average		Yield/
	Balance	Interest	Rate	Balance	Interest	Rate	Balance	Interest	Rate
<b>Assets</b>									
Interest earning assets:									
Taxable loans (1)(3)	\$ 1,217,909	\$ 75,655	6.21%	\$ 1,104,300	\$ 79,671	7.21%	\$ 1,058,506	\$ 85,361	8.09%
Tax-exempt loans (2)	17,017	1,289	7.57	17,477	1,419	8.12	19,690	1,680	8.53
Taxable securities	511,569	22,919	4.48	387,343	22,648	5.85	324,209	21,614	6.67
Tax-exempt securities	66,079	4,360	6.60	65,284	4,532	6.94	68,520	4,826	7.04
Federal funds sold and other	30,406	316	1.04	68,503	1,085	1.58	31,239	1,083	3.47
Total interest earning assets	1,842,980	104,539	5.67	1,642,907	109,355	6.66	1,502,164	114,834	7.64
Non-interest earning assets	126,690			111,249			93,804		
Total	\$ 1,969,670			\$ 1,754,156			\$ 1,595,968		
<b>Liabilities and Shareholders Equity</b>									
Interest bearing liabilities:									
Demand deposits-interest bearing									
	\$ 160,226	1,791	1.12	\$ 101,222	869	0.86	\$ 90,762	1,196	1.32
Savings deposits	359,712	4,262	1.18	374,313	7,444	1.99	242,242	5,918	2.44
Time deposits	482,118	15,745	3.27	537,217	21,087	3.93	621,578	34,896	5.61
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase									
	195,619	2,472	1.26	136,041	2,499	1.84	116,131	3,904	3.36
Note payable	8,393	214	2.55	1,335	38	2.85	740	47	6.35
Other borrowed funds	394	11	2.79	1,726	42	2.43	2,240	90	4.02
Federal Home Loan Bank advances									
	419,091	19,174	4.58	278,998	15,900	5.70	263,719	15,567	5.90
Debentures and capital securities									
	30,519	3,022	9.90	30,528	2,933	9.61	7,765	749	9.65
Total interest bearing liabilities	1,656,072	46,691	2.82	1,461,380	50,812	3.48	1,345,177	62,367	4.64
Non-interest bearing liabilities:									
Demand deposits	160,499			146,598			115,857		
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	17,351			12,000			10,161		

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Other liabilities	<b>177,850</b>			158,598			126,018		
Shareholders' equity	<b>135,748</b>			134,178			124,773		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,969,670</b>			<b>\$1,754,156</b>			<b>\$1,595,968</b>		
Net interest earnings (FTE)		<b>57,848</b>			58,543			52,467	
Taxable equivalent adjustment		<b>1,977</b>			2,083			2,277	
Net interest income (per financial statements)		<b>\$ 55,871</b>			<b>\$ 56,460</b>			<b>\$ 50,190</b>	
Net yield on interest earning assets			<b>3.14%</b>			<b>3.56%</b>			<b>3.49%</b>

- (1) For purposes of these computations, non-accruing loans are included in the daily average loan amounts outstanding.
- (2) The tax-exempt income and yields are shown on a tax equivalent basis using the 35% marginal federal tax rate in effect during 2003, 2002 and 2001.
- (3) Loan fees are included in the interest reported for loans. Those fees amounted to \$3,112, \$3,631 and \$2,835 in 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

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You can further analyze the change in net interest income by separating the volume and rate impact of the change.

The following table details the breakdown of the major categories affecting the change:

Rate / Volume Analysis (1)	2003 compared to 2002 Due to Change in			2002 compared to 2001 Due to Change in		
	Volume	Rate	Net	Volume	Rate	Net
Increase (decrease) in FTE interest income:						
Taxable loans	\$ 8,196	(\$12,212)	(\$4,016)	\$ 3,705	\$ (9,665)	\$ (5,960)
Tax-exempt loans	(37)	(93)	(130)	(189)	(72)	(261)
Taxable securities	7,264	(6,993)	271	4,209	(3,175)	1,034
Tax-exempt securities	55	(227)	(172)	(228)	(66)	(294)
Federal funds sold	(603)	(166)	(769)	1,292	(1,290)	2
<b>Total interest income</b>	<b>14,875</b>	<b>(19,691)</b>	<b>(4,816)</b>	<b>8,789</b>	<b>(14,268)</b>	<b>(5,479)</b>
Interest (decrease) in interest expense:						
Demand deposits interest bearing	507	415	922	138	(465)	(327)
Savings deposits	(290)	(2,892)	(3,182)	3,227	(1,701)	1,526
Time deposits	(2,163)	(3,179)	(5,342)	(4,736)	(9,073)	(13,809)
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	1,094	(1,121)	(27)	669	(2,074)	(1,405)
Note payable	201	(25)	176	38	(47)	(9)
Other borrowed funds	(32)	1	(31)	(21)	(27)	(48)
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	7,984	(4,710)	3,274	902	(569)	333
Debentures and capital securities	(1)	90	89	2,196	(12)	2,184
<b>Total interest expense</b>	<b>7,300</b>	<b>(11,421)</b>	<b>(4,121)</b>	<b>2,413</b>	<b>(13,968)</b>	<b>(11,555)</b>
<b>Total effect on FTE net interest income</b>	<b>\$ 7,575</b>	<b>(\$8,270)</b>	<b>(\$695)</b>	<b>\$ 6,376</b>	<b>\$ (300)</b>	<b>\$ 6,076</b>

(1) The change in interest due to both rate and volume has been allocated to volume and rate changes in proportion to the relationship of the absolute dollar amounts of the change in each.

In 2003, reduced asset yields created a \$19,691 negative impact on earnings. Reduced funding costs only offset \$11,421 of the decline resulting in a decline in net interest income due to rate factors of \$8,270. Asset growth was emphasized in 2003 to offset the margin compression and produced a \$7,575 benefit to earnings, driven primarily by loan and security balance increases. In 2002, the rate/volume analysis indicates that, on an FTE basis, the net interest income increase predominantly as a result of increased volume concentrated in both loans and securities, while rate changes had a nominally negative impact.

**Provision For Loan Losses**

The provision for loan losses totaled \$7,610 during 2003, representing .62% of average loans. This exceeds the net charge-off rate of .51% of average loans in 2003 due to both the increase in the overall level of non-performing loans and the increase in average loan balances during the year. The provision for loan losses totaled \$6,159 during 2002, representing .55% of average loans. Similarly, this exceeds the 2002 net charge-off rate of .47% of average loans in 2002 and is due to both the increase in the overall level of non-performing loans and the increase in average loan balances during the year. The allowance for loan losses represents 1.40% of loans at year-end 2003. The provision for loan losses totaled \$4,718 in 2001 representing .44% of average loans. The provision was slightly less than net charge-offs, which were .47% of average loans primarily due to a decrease in outstanding indirect automobile loans, which tend to have a higher expected loss experience. With the allowance acquired from Commerce, the allowance for loan losses represents 1.49% of loans at year-end 2001.

**Non-Interest Income**

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The Corporation is making steady improvement in diversifying its revenue source away from net interest income, primarily through strength in mortgage banking and deposit service charge activities. Non-interest income (exclusive of securities gains and losses and gain on sale of banking centers) has increased as a percent of net revenues (net interest income plus non-interest income) from 27% and 29%

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in 2001 and 2002, respectively to 34% in 2003.

The Corporation was well positioned to take advantage of the dramatically lower market rates in 2001 through 2003. Mortgage loan originations increased significantly, totaling over \$1.19 billion, \$920 million and nearly \$600 million in 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. Secondary market activities were also very strong and sales of residential mortgage loans totaled \$1.09 billion, \$860 million and \$520 million during the past three years. The table below details the major categories or revenues that comprise mortgage banking income for the past three years:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Gain on sale of loans	<b>\$ 14,822</b>	\$ 10,497	\$ 5,378
Gross income from servicing	<b>3,888</b>	2,701	1,549
Amortization of mortgage servicing assets	<b>(7,163)</b>	(4,335)	(747)
Change in valuation allowance - MSRs	<b>1,400</b>	(2,984)	(810)
Net derivative (loss) gain	<b>(2,753)</b>	567	0
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Total mortgage banking revenue	<b>\$ 10,194</b>	\$ 6,446	\$ 5,370
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

The gains from sale of mortgages realized totaled \$14.8 million in 2003 representing a record income from mortgage sales. The very low interest rate environment that was present through mid-year 2003 allowed the Corporation to capitalize on the infrastructure established within the mortgage line of business to take advantage of the refinancing opportunity. After longer-term interest rates increased starting in the third quarter of 2003, mortgage production volume has declined and the mortgage banking revenue is expected to decline in 2004. Gross servicing income has increased steadily as the total amount of loans serviced increased. As of December 31, 2003, the Corporation serviced over \$1.7 billion in mortgage loans for others. Included in mortgage banking income were valuation allowance charges for mortgage servicing rights. The valuation allowance charges totaled \$2,984 in 2002, \$810 in 2001 and represented a recovery of \$1,400 in 2003. Also included in mortgage banking revenue is the amortization of mortgage servicing rights. The sharp increase in the amortization is due to both the increase in the overall size of the servicing portfolio as well as the sharp increase in prepayment speeds in both 2002 and 2003.

The gain on the sale of securities totaled \$4,584 in 2003 and was the result of the planned reduction in duration risk as longer-term interest rates rose in the second half of 2003. The Corporation sold securities with longer durations and securities with a high degree of extension risk to reduce the risk of a potentially large increase in unrealized losses within the portfolio as longer-term interest rates increased. The gain on the sale of securities totaled \$592 in 2002 and was primarily attributable to shortening the duration of the securities portfolio. The gain on sale of securities totaled \$642 in 2001 and represented gains realized on sales early in 2001 with the proceeds used to reinvest in longer-maturity, higher-rate securities.

Service charges on deposit accounts improved significantly in both 2003 and 2002, increasing by 7.5% and 9.8% during the two years. The increase was due to the increased usage of ATM machines and debit cards for transaction purposes as an increase in the number of non interest-bearing demand deposit accounts. The number of non-interest bearing demand deposit accounts increased 2.2% during 2003 and an additional 1.1% increase in 2002. The number of interest bearing demand accounts increased 12.5% during 2003 after declining slightly in 2002. Service charges on deposits totaled \$6,259 in 2003, \$5,823 in 2002 and \$5,302 in 2001.

Trust fees were lower in both 2003 and 2002 as the market value of assets was under pressure in both years. Market values began a reversal in the later half of 2003 but the reversal was not enough to offset the decline for the year. Trust fees totaled \$2,560 in 2003, \$2,715 in 2002 and \$2,870 in 2001. Additional sales personnel were hired in 2003 to help in the expansion of the delivery channel of wealth management services outside of Trumbull County.

The Corporation utilizes single-premium life insurance policies as a means of providing earnings to offset the cost of employee retirement benefits. The balance of the cash surrender value is accumulated in other assets on the balance sheet and totaled \$34,742 and \$33,086 as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The increase in cash surrender value represents non-taxable income and is included in other operating income within the non-interest income section of the income statement. The increase in cash surrender value totaled \$1,656, \$1,637 and \$1,554 in 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively.



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Excluding the non-recurring costs from 2002, non-interest expenses increased by 16% in 2003. The increase was concentrated in three categories of expenses. Salaries and benefits, professional services and other expenses. The salary and benefit increase of 12% from 2002 to 2003 is attributable to increased staffing for mortgage production, processing and servicing as well as additional private banking, wealth management and commercial lending sales personnel in the Corporation's western regions. The professional services increase of 60% is attributable to a sharp increase in legal expenses associated with problem credits. The other expense increase of 29% is attributable to processing expenses associated with mortgage loans and increased business development costs associated with new banking centers.

Corporate expenses increased by 18% in 2002 and totaled \$49,496. The increase included certain non-recurring expenses for merger-related activities and the banking center reconfiguration. Excluding those items, expenses would have totaled \$47,266 and would have represented a 13.5% increase on a non-GAAP operating basis. The increase in costs was primarily attributable to an increase in salary and benefit costs. These costs increased due to a combination of factors including 1) a full year of expenses related to the Commerce acquisition and a partial year for the Stouffer-Herzog acquisition, 2) an increase in mortgage lending staff to facilitate the processing, underwriting, closing, sale and servicing of the increased volume of loans and 3) an increase in incentive payouts due to increased production activities. Salaries and benefits totaled \$26,345 in 2002 and \$21,544 in 2001.

The following table details the percentage change in each non-interest expense category over the past three years:

Percentage Change	2003 over 2002	2002 over 2001
Salaries and benefits	12%	22%
Net occupancy	6	5
Equipment	4	
Professional services	60	20
Assessment on deposits and other taxes	8	(9)
Amortization of goodwill & other intangibles	(2)	26
Other expenses	29	4

**Income Taxes**

The provision for income taxes was \$8,910, \$6,230 and \$5,880 in 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. The effective tax rate for the Corporation was 27.8%, 25.7% and 25.5% during the same periods. The higher effective tax rate in 2003 is attributable to the addition of the non-recurring gain on sale of banking centers which totaled \$5,619 pre-tax. The Corporation utilizes tax-exempt loans and securities as well as bank owned life insurance and low-income housing tax credits to minimize the impact of taxes on earnings.

**Balance Sheet**

The balance sheet totaled nearly \$2.12 billion as of December 31, 2003. This represents an 11.7% increase over last year end. Average assets increased by 12.5% during 2003, led by a 27.6% increase in average securities and a 10.1% increase in average gross loans. A portion of the strategy to offset net interest margin compression in 2003 was to increase earning assets and take advantage of leveraging opportunities to produce additional earnings. The increase in securities was funded primarily by increases in wholesale borrowings through the FHLB and provided the additional benefit of keeping interest rate risks within acceptable limits. The increase in loan balances is attributable to strong sales efforts in commercial and direct consumer lending, including sales to private banking clients. Increases in loan balances were predominantly achieved through increases in market share, primarily in the Corporation's western regions. Average assets increased by 9.9% during 2002, led by a 119% increase in average temporary investments, a 15% increase in average securities and a 4% increase in average loans. The increase in securities and temporary investments was due to a build up in liquidity for the planned sale of two banking centers with approximately \$90 million in deposits. The sale was closed in the first quarter of 2003.

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Period end deposit balances increased by a modest 1.7% in 2003 as core deposit balances (non-interest bearing, interest bearing demand and savings accounts) were in aggregate down slightly from the prior year while higher rate time deposits balances increased by 9.7% and were utilized to help fund loan growth. Impacting the growth figures was the reduction of \$88,456 in deposit balances resulting from the sale of two banking centers in the first quarter of 2003. Of the deposit balances included in the sale were \$50,978 in time deposits. Absent the impact of the banking center sale, period end deposit balances increased by \$108,686, or 9.8%. Time deposit balances increased by \$100,206, or 22.0% and core deposits increased by \$8,480, or 1.3%. A minor deposit purchase (less than \$3 million in deposit balances) was also completed in 2003. Additionally, federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase increased by 56.2% from year end 2002 and also aided in funding loan growth. The reversal of the prior year's growth in core deposits was evidence of a rebound in the attractiveness of potential returns in non-traditional bank investments, including mutual funds. In 2002, core deposits increased by 30.7%. In 2002, the shift in balances towards core funding is a function of both the low interest rate environment, which tends to create a demand for these funds in the market as well as the increased internal focus placed on core deposit generation and retention. One particular product that was successful in 2002 was a premium priced "Your Best Interest" MMDA account. The success of the product allowed savings balances to increase by 46.6% during 2002. Over the long-term, financial institutions are expecting slower deposit growth rates due to increased competition from non-traditional alternatives, especially mutual funds.

## **Earning Assets**

### **Securities:**

The securities portfolio of the Corporation is used to provide an adequate rate of return to the Corporation along with appropriate levels of liquidity and pledging and as a tool for efficient tax management and interest rate risk management. The accounting treatment for the securities portfolio is determined by the Corporation's intent regarding particular security holdings. Purchases in longer maturity ranges that provided yield enhancement included purchases of tax-exempt securities, which provide the additional benefit of tax reduction.

The securities portfolio totaled \$620,696 as of December 31, 2003 and is classified entirely as available-for-sale. Federal agency securities declined by \$27 million in 2003 as the Corporation sought the additional yield and cash flow characteristics of mortgage-backed securities. Corporate securities continued to decline in 2003 and totaled just under \$43 million versus \$68 million at the end of 2002. The reduction was primarily in longer term securities and allowed the overall duration of the securities portfolio to remain little changed from 2002. The mortgage-backed securities increased by \$138 million in 2003 as 1) additional leveraging strategies with spreads in excess 150 basis points were utilized to bolster net interest income and 2) the cash flow and yield characteristics of these securities fit the desired investment profile better than federal agency securities. The securities portfolio totaled \$523,669 as of December 31, 2002. In 2002, U.S. agency and municipal holding remained relatively unchanged from the prior year-end. Corporate balances declined by over \$20 million as holdings in this sector were deemphasized. Mortgage-backed securities increased by over \$120 million during 2002 and included \$100 million in a leveraging transaction completed just prior to year-end 2002. The leveraging transaction was funded primarily by FHLB advances and will provide an estimated 1.7% net spread to income with nominal interest rate risk. The securities portfolio totaled \$417,496 as of December 31, 2001. That balance represents a 9.3% increase over the prior year-end. For 2001, the growth in securities was concentrated in mortgage-backed securities, including collateralized mortgage obligations that helped improve the earnings performance characteristics of the portfolio.

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Summary yield and maturity information regarding the available-for-sale securities portfolios on December 31 follows. Yields are calculated on a fully taxable equivalent basis using the marginal federal income tax rate of 35% for 2003.

Book Value	2003	2003	2002	2001
	Available-For-Sale	Yield	Available-For-Sale	Available-For-Sale
U. S. Treasury and other U. S. Government agencies and corporations:				
Under 1 year	\$ 3,048	4.4%	\$ 2,193	\$ 1,527
1 to 5 years			3,171	5,413
5 to 10 years			14,252	22,108
Over 10 years			10,144	
Total	3,048	4.4	29,760	29,048
Obligations of states and political subdivisions:				
Under 1 year			310	1,498
1 to 5 years	14,493	6.9	16,222	19,858
5 to 10 years	36,270	6.5	41,491	29,785
Over 10 years	22,483	6.2	8,904	17,069
Total	73,246	6.5	66,927	68,210
Corporate:				
Under 1 year	4,570	7.3		3,524
1 to 5 years			5,749	13,650
5 to 10 years			6,787	15,368
Over 10 years	38,131	4.6	55,522	57,245
Total	42,701	4.9	68,058	89,787
Mortgage-backed securities	470,784	4.1	333,258	211,096
Equity securities	30,917	3.9	25,666	19,355
Total securities	\$ 620,696	4.4%	\$ 523,669	\$ 417,496

The average yield on the portfolio is 4.4% as of December 31, 2003, down 160 basis points from the prior year-end. The primary reason for the decline was very low longer-term interest rates in place through mid-year 2003 which created a large increase in prepayment speeds and cash flows that were reinvested at lower rates. During 2003, 2002 and 2001, the Corporation realized gains on security sales of \$4,584, \$592 and \$642, respectively. The large increase in gains realized in 2003 is a result of the Corporation's strategy to limit the increase in duration of the portfolio via the sale of securities with longer maturities and large potential extensions in effective maturity dates as interest rates rose in the last half of 2003. Even with the rebound in longer-term interest rates, overall interest rates are still at historically low levels. The Corporation now has an unrealized loss position for the portfolio of \$905 versus a \$12.0 million unrealized gain the prior year-end. It is anticipated that the Corporation will strive to maintain the average duration profile of the portfolio near its current levels.

Mortgage-backed securities have various stated maturities through September 2033. The estimated weighted-average maturity of this segment of the portfolio is 3.6 years.

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Listed below is the Corporation's loan distribution at the end of each of the last five years:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Commercial	\$ 631,170	\$ 542,691	\$ 508,579	\$ 421,229	\$ 413,097
Consumer	399,137	322,841	316,097	302,881	216,173
Real estate mortgage	273,422	249,946	247,221	300,526	402,468
Real estate construction	46,091	52,313	49,995	45,453	39,924
Balance as of December 31	<b>\$1,349,820</b>	\$ 1,167,791	\$ 1,121,892	\$ 1,070,089	\$ 1,071,662

<u>Percentage distribution</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Commercial	47%	46%	45%	40%	39%
Consumer	30	28	28	28	20
Real estate mortgage	20	22	22	28	37
Real estate construction	3	4	5	4	4
Total	<b>100%</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%

An analysis of maturity and interest rate sensitivity of commercial loans as of December 31, 2003 follows:

	<u>One Year Or Less</u>	<u>One to Five Years</u>	<u>Over Five Years</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fixed rate	\$ 25,985	\$ 66,693	\$ 34,184	\$ 126,862
Variable rate	108,906	210,420	184,982	504,308
Total commercial loans	<b>\$ 134,891</b>	<b>\$ 277,113</b>	<b>\$ 219,166</b>	<b>\$ 631,170</b>

At December 31, 2003, real estate construction loans totaled \$46,091, all of which were fixed rate loans with a maturity of one year or less.

The Corporation emphasizes on-balance sheet growth in direct consumer and commercial balances. As evidence of this, commercial loan balances have increased from 39% of the total loan portfolio at the end of 1999 to 47% as of December 31, 2003. Total commercial loan originations totaled just over \$300 million in 2003 as compared to \$274 million in 2002. Commercial loans are generated through a calling program targeting medium-sized companies. The Corporation is also generating an increasing volume of Small Business Administration (SBA) loans. The Corporation sells the guaranteed portion of the SBA loans originated. The sales generated \$559 and \$639 in net revenues, including \$131 and \$185 in revenues from the value of the servicing retained in 2003 and 2002, respectively. The amount of SBA loans being serviced by the Corporation totaled approximately \$16.8 million and \$16.4 million at December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

The Corporation's commercial loans are granted to customers within the immediate trade area of the Corporation. The mix is diverse, covering a wide range of borrowers. The table below details the stratification of commercial loan balances at the end of 2003:

<u>Stratification</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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Under \$1 million	\$ 389,211
From \$1 to \$5 million	217,531
From \$5 to \$10 million	13,241
Over \$10 million	11,187
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Total	\$ 631,170
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The Corporation monitors and controls concentrations within a particular industry or segment. As of December 31, 2003, the Corporation had a concentration in commercial real estate loans totaling approximately \$421 million, approximately 75% of which were owner-occupied businesses, including nursing homes, retail and fast-food restaurants within the Corporation's market area. The table below details as of December 31, 2003 the industry concentrations by SIC code that exceed 10% of tier I capital:

Industry	SIC Code	Amount
Non-residential buildings	6512	\$63,149
Restaurants retail	5812	22,824
Motels/Hotels	7011	18,271
Nursing homes	8051	14,859
Apartments	6513	14,516

Consumer loan balances have increased from 20% to 30% of total loans over the same time frame. Direct consumer new loan volumes totaled \$230 million in 2003 versus \$151 million in 2002. These volumes were supplemented by indirect loan volumes of \$61 million in 2003 and \$57 million in 2002. The direct loan volumes are originated primarily by banking center and call center personnel and were higher in 2003 despite the ability of many borrowers to utilize first mortgage loans as a primary borrowing vehicle due to the extremely low interest rate environment present through much of 2003.

The Corporation emphasizes real estate lending through its branch network, reaching a broad range of customers, as well as through the use of mortgage loan originators and correspondent lender relationships. Generally, the loans sold into the secondary mortgage market make funds available for reuse in mortgage or other lending activities, generate a net gain (including origination fee income) from the sale, limit the interest rate risk caused by holding long-term, fixed-rate loans and build a portfolio of serviced loans which generate fee income for the Corporation. New real estate loans originations totaled \$478 million and \$715 million from retail and wholesale sources, respectively as compared to \$321 and \$600 from the same sources in 2002. Loans sold into the secondary mortgage market totaled \$1.09 billion in 2003 versus \$864 million in 2002. The serviced portfolio of mortgages totaled \$1.75 billion and \$1.32 billion as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

### Asset Quality

The allowance for loan losses is analyzed in the table below:

	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Balance at January 1	<b>\$17,595</b>	\$16,695	\$15,217	\$11,169	\$10,739
Charge-offs:					
Commercial	<b>4,000</b>	2,593	2,486	1,702	2,430
Real estate mortgage	<b>141</b>	242	175	164	86
Real estate construction		97			
Consumer	<b>2,821</b>	3,652	3,810	2,194	1,961
	<b>6,962</b>	6,584	6,471	4,060	4,477
Recoveries:					
Commercial	<b>107</b>	857	707	533	901
Real estate mortgage	<b>57</b>	10	5	8	4
Real estate construction					
Consumer	<b>467</b>	458	641	438	807
	<b>631</b>	1,325	1,353	979	1,712
Net charge-offs	<b>6,331</b>	5,259	5,118	3,081	2,765
Acquired reserves			1,878		
Provision for loan losses charged to operations	<b>7,610</b>	6,159	4,718	7,129	3,195
Balance at December 31	<b>\$18,874</b>	\$17,595	\$16,695	\$15,217	\$11,169

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Allowance for loan losses as a percentage of year-end loans	<b>1.40%</b>	1.51%	1.49%	1.42%	1.04%
Allowance for loan losses as a percentage of non-performing loans	<b>81%</b>	92%	158%	191%	188%

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Net charge-offs as a percent of average loans by major loan category are shown below:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Commercial	<b>0.67%</b>	0.34%	0.44%	0.29%	0.40%
Real estate mortgage	<b>0.03%</b>	0.08%	0.04%	0.04%	0.02%
Real estate construction	<b>0.00%</b>	0.03%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Consumer	<b>0.67%</b>	1.02%	1.22%	0.68%	0.53%
Total net charge-offs to average loans	<b>0.51%</b>	0.47%	0.47%	0.28%	0.27%

The allowance for loan losses has increased steadily from 1999 to 2003 as outstanding loan balances increased and the risk characteristics of the portfolios shifted from lower risk residential estate loans to higher risk consumer and commercial loans. The allowance for loan losses was \$18,874, or 1.40% of loans as of December 31, 2003. The allowance represents 85% of non-performing loans, which is lower than the coverage of non-performing loans at the end of the previous four years. With over \$6 million of the non-performing loans balances as of December 31, 2003 represented by residential real estate loans, the allowance for loan losses, in Management's opinion is adequate to absorb losses inherent with the loan portfolios. Commercial loan charge-offs increased to .67% of commercial loans. The .29% commercial charge-off rate in 2000 represented the low point for these charge-offs for the past five years. Consecutive years of softness in the local and national economies since 2000 have been a contributing factor to the increased loss experience. Consumer charge-offs decreased from 2001 due to stricter underwriting standards for indirect automobile lending and a shift in emphasis to higher credit quality boat and recreational vehicle (RV) loans. The underwriting standards include, among other factors, a reduced level of loan advance to vehicle value. The decision to deemphasize indirect auto lending was due to low levels of return on the investment primarily due to higher levels of loan losses. The indirect boat and RV loans are typically of a higher credit quality as evidenced by independent credit scores. As of December 31, 2003, the average credit score for indirect auto loans was 712 versus 728 for boat loans and 741 for RV loans. The underwriting criteria have resulted in a decline in outstanding indirect automobile loans. Indirect automobile loans totaled \$52 million at the end of 2003 as compared to \$86 million as of December 31, 2002. Conversely, indirect boat and RV loans totaled \$42 million at the end of 2002 and have increased to \$79 million at the end of 2003. The changes have brought about a reduction in net charge-offs for the consumer loan portfolio from a high of 1.22% of average consumer loan balances in 2001 to .67% in 2003.

The following presents a breakdown of the loan loss allowance by loan category for each of the last five years:

<u>Loan Category</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Commercial	<b>\$13,493</b>	\$12,040	\$11,673	\$9,927	\$7,449
Consumer	<b>4,357</b>	4,577	4,762	5,161	2,587
Real estate mortgage	<b>823</b>	736	260	129	1,133
Real estate construction	<b>201</b>	242			
Total	<b>\$18,874</b>	\$17,595	\$16,695	\$15,217	\$11,169

The Corporation's loan portfolios are subject to varying degrees of credit risk. Credit risk is mitigated through portfolio diversification, limiting exposure to any single industry or customer (see the Loan section above for discussion on the commercial loan portfolio's balance stratification and industry concentration). The determination of the allowance for loan losses is based on Management's evaluation of the potential losses in the loan portfolio considering, among other relevant factors, repayment status, borrowers' ability to repay, collateral and current foreseeable economic conditions. The valuation methodology has been consistently applied since 2000, when current Management applied a more conservative view to the assumptions utilized in determining the specific reserves to be allocated to each credit. These evaluations take into consideration such factors as changes in the nature and volume of the loan portfolio, economic conditions that may affect the borrower's ability to repay (including the timing of future payments), overall quality, analysis of prior and current loss experience and a review of specific problem loans. The allowance reflects expected losses resulting from the analysis of specific credits and historical loss experience for each loan category. The Bank utilizes its internal loan gradings for commercial loans in conjunction with historical loss experience for loans of each grade level and current economic trends as parts of its analysis in determining the adequacy of its allowance for loan losses. The allowance for loan



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losses is calculated using a written, systematic methodology approved by a committee of the Bank's Board of Directors. The methodology includes specific allocations for known and potential impaired loans; identified concentrations of credit; economic trends; collateral value trends; new loan volume, and delinquent and non-accrual loan balances. The Bank's trailing eight-quarter net charge-off experience is utilized to determine the appropriate general allocations. The methodology is consistently applied on a monthly basis and a summary report presented for ratification to the Bank's Board of Directors.

Non-accrual loans are loans that are no longer accruing interest at the discretion of Management. This occurs when Management determines that the borrower can no longer service the debt, but the loan is adequately secured with collateral or the borrower is able to repay the principal of the loan in the future.

For the year ended December 31, 2003, interest income that would have been earned under the original terms of the loans classified in non-accrual and restructured loans amounted to \$1,325, \$1,229 and \$398 in 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. No interest income was realized on these loans for 2003, 2002 or 2001, respectively.

Below is a table listing the non-accrual, past due and restructured loans at the end of the last five years. Past due loans are loans over 90 days past due and still accruing interest.

	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Non-accrual loans	<b>\$ 13,349</b>	\$ 13,123	\$ 5,004	\$ 4,699	\$ 2,743
Past due loans	<b>8,878</b>	5,692	5,304	3,239	3,132
Restructured loans	<b>1,017</b>	378	258	43	52
Total	<b>\$ 23,244</b>	\$ 19,193	\$ 10,566	\$ 7,981	\$ 5,927
Percent of loans at year end	<b>1.72%</b>	1.64%	0.94%	0.75%	0.55%
Other real estate owned	<b>\$ 713</b>	\$ 1,371	\$ 1,399	\$ 902	\$ 281

Loans 30 to 89 days past due, where the monthly payment is more than 30 days past due but less than 90 days past the payment date, excluding non-accrual and restructured loans included in the table above, amounted to \$5,970 or 0.44% of outstanding loans as of December 31, 2003, as compared to \$8,334 or 0.71% of loans on December 31, 2002. Loans then current where some concerns existed as to the ability of the borrower to comply with loan repayment terms approximated \$36,958 at December 31, 2003 and \$43,095 at December 31, 2002. Such loans are closely monitored by Management.

The provision for loan losses represents the charge to income necessary to adjust the allowance for loan losses to an amount that represents Management's assessment of the estimated probable loan losses inherent in the loan portfolio that have been incurred at each balance sheet date. All lending activity contains associated risks of loan losses that are a necessary element of business activity. The provision for loan losses for 2003 was \$7,610, compared to \$6,159 for 2002 and \$4,718 in 2001. The changes in the provision for loan losses were attributable to changes in the allowance for loan losses as a result of net charge-offs, increasing non-performing loans and the recognition of changes in the current risk factors. In 2000, the Corporation additionally underwent a more stringent review of specific problem loans, which necessitated the addition of \$4,100 in additional provision during the third quarter of that year.

**Servicing Assets**

The valuation of mortgage servicing assets is performed by an independent third party. The critical factors and assumptions used in the valuation as of December 31, 2003 were a discount rate of 9.01%, PSA of 257, weighted average coupon of 5.94%, weighted average servicing fee of .252%, remaining term of 292 months, delinquency of 2.1%, a cost per loan of \$45 and other income per loan of \$38.

At December 31, 2003, key economic assumptions and the sensitivity of the current fair value of mortgage servicing assets to immediate 10% and 20% adverse changes in those assumptions are presented in the table that follows. These sensitivities are hypothetical and should be used with caution. As the figures indicate, changes in fair value based on a 10% variation in assumptions generally cannot be extrapolated because the relationship of the change in the assumption to the change in fair value may not be linear. Also, the effect of a variation in a particular assumption on the fair value of the mortgage-



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servicing asset is calculated independently without changing any other assumption. In reality, changes in one factor may result in changes in another (for example, changes in the prepayment rate estimates could result in changes in the discount rates), which might magnify or counteract the sensitivities.

Fair value	\$ 20,892
Expected weighted average life (in years)	4.8
Prepayment rate (annual PSA)	257
Decrease in fair value from 10% adverse change	\$ 981
Decrease in fair value from 20% adverse change	\$ 1,881
Discount rate	9.01%
Decrease in fair value from 10% adverse change	\$ 628
Decrease in fair value from 20% adverse change	\$ 1,223

**Funding Sources****Deposits**

The average amounts of deposits are summarized below:

	2003	2002	2001
Demand deposits-non-interest bearing	\$ 160,499	\$ 146,598	\$ 115,857
Demand deposits-interest bearing	160,226	101,222	90,762
Savings deposits	359,712	374,313	242,242
Time deposits	482,118	537,217	621,578
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,162,555</b>	<b>\$ 1,159,350</b>	<b>\$ 1,070,439</b>

Average deposits increased slightly in 2003 after a slight decrease in 2002. The increase in core deposit average balances (non-interest and interest bearing demand and savings accounts) in 2003 allowed the Corporation to de-emphasize higher cost time deposits through much of the year. The average balance changes in 2003 were impacted by the sale of two banking centers in the first quarter of 2003 with an accompanying reduction in deposits of \$88,456. Time deposit balances included in the sale totaled \$50,978. Average time deposits decreased by \$55,099, or 10.3% in 2003. The trend reversed itself after mid-year as other investment alternatives, including non-traditional bank investments such as mutual funds came back into favor with the investing public. As a result, core deposit balances declined and time deposits balances were forced to increase by over \$49 million from the end of 2002 to support strong loan activities. In 2002, increases in average non-interest bearing and interest bearing demand deposit balances coupled with the increase in MMDA savings accounts offset the decline in time deposit balances.

The following is a maturity distribution for the \$555,606 of time deposits outstanding as of December 31, 2003:

2004	\$ 333,402
2005	98,972
2006	105,861
2007	8,219
2008	7,650
Thereafter	1,502

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On December 31, 2003, time deposits over \$100 totaled \$128,270. The Bank continues to maintain strong relationships with the various public entities centered in the primary markets of the Bank which contributes to the balance of time deposits over \$100. The increase in these balances is due primarily to an active calling program for public entities. The maturity schedule for time deposits over \$100 as of December 31, 2003, is given in the table below:

<u>Maturing in:</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
3 months or less	<b>\$ 18,119</b>	\$ 17,194
3 to 6 months	<b>44,113</b>	9,463
6 to 12 months	<b>28,416</b>	21,237
Over 12 months	<b>37,622</b>	34,557
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 128,270</b>	\$ 82,451

**Other Sources of Funds**

The Corporation has the availability to borrow \$73 million from correspondent banks as overnight federal funds purchased. Federal funds purchased as of December 31, 2003 totaled \$51.5 million. There were \$0 federal funds purchased at both December 31, 2002 and 2001. The increase in funds purchased during 2003 is attributable to strong asset growth rates and only a modest increase in deposit balances. The short-term funding also served to keep the Corporation's interest rate risk sensitivity within acceptable levels in 2003. The Corporation has repurchase agreements with corporate customers and local municipalities. These borrowings have an overnight maturity and are collateralized with U. S. Treasury and government agency securities, including agency-issued mortgage-backed securities with a market value of \$188,953 and \$161,998 as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The Corporation continuously pledges collateral for these borrowings at an amount exceeding the outstanding balance. The securities are held in the Corporation's safekeeping account at the Federal Reserve Bank. Although there were no repurchase agreements with approved brokers outstanding at December 31, 2003, the Corporation previously maintained such balances, which were collateralized by U. S. Treasury and government agency securities held by the broker.

The following table summarizes certain information relative to these borrowings:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Outstanding at December 31	<b>\$ 216,761</b>	\$ 138,796	\$ 107,279
Weighted-average interest rate at December 31	<b>1.18%</b>	1.56%	3.58%
Maximum amount outstanding as of any month end	<b>251,404</b>	\$ 178,536	\$ 133,743
Average amount outstanding	<b>\$ 195,620</b>	\$ 134,374	\$ 109,476
Approximate weighted-average interest rate during the year	<b>1.26%</b>	1.84%	3.40%

The repurchase agreement program provides a sweep feature on the customer's primary business account along with competitive market rates of interest for their excess funds. The success of this product reflects the strong emphasis the Bank places on offering competitive products coupled with personalized service to the small-to mid-size businesses operating in the Bank's various markets. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase averaged \$195,620 in 2003 with the majority of the average balances representing the retail sweep product.

The Corporation also has available to it unsecured lines of credit with correspondent banks totaling \$20 million. The lines of credit are renewable annually and bear interest at a floating rate based on several indices. The Corporation had utilized \$7.75 million and \$7 million in borrowings under these lines as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. There were no balances outstanding on the lines at the end of 2001. The primary use for the borrowings was to fund common stock share repurchases under the Board approved repurchase program.

The Corporation also has access to federal tax deposits on a daily basis. After being deposited by customers, the tax deposits are held at the Corporation up to a self-imposed limit of \$6 million until they are drawn upon by the federal government. The balance of these funds was \$1,302 and \$3,863 as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

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The Bank also is a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank ( FHLB ) system and utilizes the various advance programs offered by the FHLB. The funds are drawn from the FHLB for various terms through 2007 and are utilized to provide long-term funding to offset the interest rate risk inherent with holding long-term, fixed-rate mortgages as well as funding for specific leveraging activities. The balances of these advances were \$492,299 and \$365,844 as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

Most recently, the Corporation has utilized the issuance of junior subordinated debentures to an unconsolidated subsidiary trust as a funding source. The debentures are the sole asset of the unconsolidated subsidiary trust which issued corporation-obligated mandatorily redeemable securities, more commonly known as trust preferred securities. The securities are traded under the symbol SECDP on the NASDAQ National Market System, currently qualify as tier I capital for regulatory purposes and also bear interest that is tax deductible to the Corporation.

**Capital**

The shareholders' equity increased to \$137,016 at December 31, 2003 from \$136,334 a year earlier. The increase, which was attributable to retention of earnings, was mostly offset by a decrease in other comprehensive income, primarily from a decline in the unrealized gains of the securities portfolio, as well as an increase in the amount of shares in treasury.

In 2002, shareholders' equity increased to \$136,334 at December 31, 2002 from \$128,299 a year earlier. The increase was attributable to retention of earnings as well as the increase in market values for the available-for-sale securities. The increase was partially offset by the treasury share repurchase activities. The impact of the change in unrealized market value adjustment on securities available-for-sale, net of tax resulted in a net unrealized gain position within other comprehensive income of \$7,838 at December 31, 2002.

In 2000, the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to 2% of shares outstanding annually. Additionally, in 2000 and 2002, the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of an additional 600,000 and 500,000 shares, respectively. The following table depicts treasury repurchase activity for the past three years:

	<u>Number of Shares</u>
Balance 12/31/00	730,200
Repurchased 2001	153,294
Balance 12/31/01	883,494
Repurchased 2002	395,515
Balance 12/31/02	1,279,009
Net repurchased 2003	241,080
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Balance 12/31/03	1,520,089
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The Corporation has consistently had qualifying capital under the risk-based capital requirements in excess of those required to meet the well-capitalized standards. For further details on capital ratios, see Note 18.

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The Corporation trades under the symbol SECD on the NASDAQ National Market System. The total market capitalization of the Corporation was approximately \$250 million at December 31, 2003. The table below lists the high and low trading prices for the common stock by quarter for the last three years.

Quarter	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Year
<b>2003:</b>					
High	<b>\$26.90</b>	<b>\$25.82</b>	<b>\$28.75</b>	<b>\$28.99</b>	<b>\$28.99</b>
Low	<b>22.15</b>	<b>21.55</b>	<b>25.61</b>	<b>25.62</b>	<b>21.55</b>
Dividends declared	<b>.19</b>	<b>.19</b>	<b>.19</b>	<b>.19</b>	<b>.76</b>
<b>2002:</b>					
High	\$25.03	\$28.39	\$28.32	\$28.12	\$28.39
Low	20.50	24.25	23.53	24.51	20.50
Dividends declared	.18	.18	.18	.18	.72
<b>2001:</b>					
High	\$18.75	\$23.00	\$22.89	\$22.36	\$23.00
Low	13.75	16.55	17.00	18.45	13.75
Dividends declared	.17	.17	.17	.17	.68

The Corporation's price for its common stock decreased by 0.4% in 2003 to finish the year at \$26.40 with a trading range of \$21.55 to \$28.99 per share. The flatness of the stock performance for the full year paralleled the Corporation's static non-GAAP operating financial performance. Bank stock prices rebounded in 2002 and 2001 as market rates declined and the Corporation's stock price also improved in conjunction with improved financial performance. Book value per common share was \$14.47 and \$13.91 at December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

The Corporation has historically paid cash dividends on a quarterly basis and has periodically paid stock dividends at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The payment and amount of future dividends on the common stock will be determined by the Board of Directors. The payment will depend on, among other things, earnings, financial condition and cash requirements of the Corporation at the time that such payment is considered, and on the ability of the Corporation to receive dividends from the Bank, the amount of which is subject to regulatory limitations. For 2003, 2002 and 2001, the dividend-payout ratio for the Corporation was 31.1%, 39.5%, and 39.8%, respectively. The reduction in the payout ratio in 2003 is attributable to the strength in net income resulting partially from the non-recurring gain on the sale of the banking centers.

**Liquidity**

Management of the Corporation's liquidity position is necessary to ensure that funds are available to meet the cash flow needs of depositors and borrowers as well as the operating cash needs of the Corporation. Funds are available from a number of sources including maturing securities, payments made on loans, the acquisition of new deposits, the sale of packaged loans, borrowing from the FHLB and overnight lines of credit of over \$73 million through correspondent banks. The parent company has three major sources of funding including dividends from the Bank, \$20 million in unsecured lines of credit with correspondent banks, which are renewable annually, and access to the capital markets. The Corporation's liquidity position is monitored utilizing a variety of methods including key ratio analyses. Recently the trend in the ratios has indicated a higher degree of liquidity risk than was inherent in the balance sheet in prior years. Part of the increase is due to the leveraging activities undertaken in an attempt to improve earnings. Additional liquidity risk was exhibited due to the continued growth of assets and recent decline in core deposit balances.

The net cash provided by operating activities for 2003, 2002 and 2001 was approximately \$27 million, \$39 million and \$22 million, respectively. Management does not expect future cash flows available from operations to be materially different from the cash flow experience of the prior three years. Factors affecting cash flows from investing or financing activities are not expected to have a significant negative impact on foreseeable future liquidity. As discussed in Note 18, the Bank is subject to regulation and may be limited in its ability to pay dividends to the parent company. Accordingly, consolidated cash flows may not represent cash available to common shareholders.

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Market risk is the risk of economic loss from adverse changes in the fair value of financial instruments due to changes in (a) interest rates, (b) foreign exchange rates, or (c) other factors that relate to market volatility of the rate, index, or price underlying the financial instrument. The Corporation's market risk is composed primarily of interest rate risk. The Corporation's Asset/Liability Committee (ALCO) is responsible for reviewing the interest rate sensitivity position of the Corporation and establishing policies to monitor and limit the exposure to interest rate risk. Since nearly the Corporation's entire interest rate risk exposure relates to the financial instrument activity of the Bank, the Bank's Board of Directors reviews the policies and guidelines established by ALCO.

The primary objective of asset/liability management is to provide an optimum and stable net interest margin, after-tax return on assets and return on equity capital, as well as adequate liquidity and capital. Interest rate risk is monitored through the use of two complementary measures: dynamic gap analysis and earnings simulation models. While each of the measurement techniques has limitations, taken together they represent a reasonably comprehensive tool for measuring the magnitude of interest rate risk inherent in the Corporation.

The dynamic gap analysis measures the amount of repricing risk associated with the balance sheet at a specific point in time. Expected cash flows from fixed rate instruments are defined utilizing contractual maturities and anticipated cash flows through early repayment of loans, early calls and paydowns of securities and early withdrawals of deposits. Variable rate instruments' repricing frequencies are categorized according to their earliest repricing opportunity. Core deposits with non-contractual maturities are included in the gap repricing distributions based on historical patterns of pricing behavior.

The earnings simulation model forecasts earnings for a one-year horizon frame under a variety of interest rate scenarios. Management evaluates the impact of the various rate simulations against earnings in a stable interest rate environment. The most recent model projects net income would increase by 3.9% if interest rates would immediately fall by 100 basis points and decrease by 2.6% if interest rates would immediately rise by 200 basis points. At December 31, 2002, the model projected net income would decrease by 0.1% if interest rates would immediately fall by 125 basis points and increase by 19.0% if interest rates would immediately rise by 200 basis points. The projected changes in net income include the projected changes in net interest income from the table below as well as projected changes in income from gains on sale of mortgage loans and projected adjustments to mortgage servicing assets and associated derivatives. Management believes this asset sensitive position for the one-year time horizon is within acceptable levels of risk tolerance. The earnings simulation model includes assumptions about how the various components of the balance sheet and rate structure are likely to react through time in different interest rate environments. These assumptions are derived from historical analysis and Management's outlook. Also included are estimates and assumptions regarding the impact to earnings from changes in the valuation allowance for servicing assets, gains on sale of mortgage loans and changes in the volume of interest rate floors.

The following table shows the projected changes in net interest income and the economic value of equity based on a series of interest rate shocks:

Rate Shock Scenario	Net Interest Income	Economic Value of Equity
Down 100	(7.8)%	(13.3)%
Up 200	0.7%	(5.4)%
Board approved limit	(10)%	(30)%

The economic value of equity is a measure used to determine the risk of changes to the value of equity from interest rate changes and incorporates the duration of assets and liabilities as well as their sensitivity to interest rate changes.

Interest rate sensitivity is managed through the use of security portfolio management techniques, the use of fixed rate long-term borrowings from the FHLB, the establishment of rate and term structures for time deposits and loans, the sale of long-term fixed rate mortgages through the secondary mortgage market and interest rate swaps, caps and floors.

**Table of Contents****Contractual Obligations, Commitments, Contingent liabilities and Off Balance Sheet Arrangements**

As disclosed in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, the Corporation has various financial obligations, including contractual obligations and commitments that may require future cash payments.

**Contractual Obligations**

The following table presents, as of December 31, 2003, significant fixed and determinable contractual obligations to third parties by payment date.

Payments due in	1 year or Less	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	Over 5 Years	Total
Deposits without a stated maturity (a)	\$ 659,736	\$	\$	\$	\$ 659,736
Consumer and brokered certificates of deposit (b)	363,919	193,236	16,991	1,832	575,978
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase (a)	216,761				216,761
Note payable (a)	7,750				7,750
Other borrowed funds (a)	1,301				1,301
Federal Home Loan Bank advances (b)	145,374	55,584	106,953	292,742	600,653
Debentures (b)	2,838	37,214			40,052
Annual rental commitments under non-cancelable leases	2,589	4,969	3,639	5,857	17,054
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,400,268</b>	<b>\$ 291,003</b>	<b>\$ 127,583</b>	<b>\$ 300,431</b>	<b>\$ 2,119,285</b>

(a) Excludes interest

(b) Includes interest

The Corporation also has obligations under its two non-qualified supplemental retirement plans for key employees as described in Note 21 to the consolidated financial statements. The benefit payments represent actuarially determined future benefit payments to eligible plan participants. The Corporation does not have any commitments or obligations to the defined benefit pension plan at December 31, 2003 due to the funded status of the plan. The supplemental plans are unfunded. See further discussion in Note 21.

**Commitments and Off Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The following table details the amounts and expected maturities of significant commitments as of December 31, 2003. Further discussion of these commitments is included in Note 25 to the consolidated financial statements.

Amount of commitment Expiration by period	1 year or Less	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	Over 5 Years	Total
Commitments to lend-commercial	\$ 126,753	\$ 29,788	\$ 1,699	\$	\$ 158,240
Commitments to lend-residential real estate	34,376				34,376
Commitments to lend-consumer	88,243				88,243
Standby letters of credit	16,914	64	5,185	262	22,425
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 266,286</b>	<b>\$ 29,852</b>	<b>\$ 6,884</b>	<b>\$ 262</b>	<b>\$ 303,284</b>

Commitments to extend credit, including loan commitments, standby letters of credit and commercial letters of credit do not necessarily represent future cash requirements, in that these commitments often expire without being drawn upon.



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The commitments to fund principal investments primarily relate to the Corporation's indirect investments in various private equity funds managed by third-party general and limited partners. These estimated commitments were based primarily on the expiration of each fund's investment period at December 31, 2003. The timing of these payments could change due to extensions in the investment periods of the funds or by the rate the commitments are invested, both of which are determined by either the general and/or limited partners of the funds.

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There are no recourse provisions with third parties or balances recorded for the standby letters of credit at December 31, 2003.

The Corporation also enters into derivative contracts under which the Corporation is required to either receive cash from or pay cash to counterparties depending on changes in interest rates. Derivative contracts are carried at fair value on the consolidated balance sheet with the fair value representing the net present value of expected future cash receipts or payments based on market interest rates as of the balance sheet date. The fair value of the contracts change daily as market interest rates change. Certain contracts, such as interest rate futures, are cash settled daily, while others, such as interest rate swaps, involve monthly cash settlement. Because the derivative liabilities recorded on the balance sheet at December 31, 2003 do not represent the amounts that may ultimately be paid under these contracts, these liabilities are not included in the table of contractual obligations presented on the previous page. Further discussion of derivative instruments is included in Notes 1 and 24 to the consolidated financial statements.

**Item 7 A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

The information required by this Item is included under the caption Market Risk Management presented in Item 7 above.

**Table of Contents****Item 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**

(Dollars in thousands except per share data or as otherwise indicated)

**Consolidated Balance Sheets**

As of December 31

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
Cash and due from banks	\$ 40,773	\$ 60,822
Federal funds sold and temporary investments	6,529	61,449
Securities available-for-sale (at market value)	620,696	523,669
Loans	1,349,820	1,167,791
Less allowance for loan losses	18,874	17,595
Net loans	1,330,946	1,150,196
Premises and equipment	19,013	16,632
Accrued interest receivable	8,501	8,762
Goodwill	16,700	16,708
Other intangible assets	3,347	3,714
Servicing assets	20,936	12,403
Other assets	49,320	40,420
Total assets	<b>\$2,116,761</b>	<b>\$ 1,894,775</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
Deposits:		
Demand non-interest bearing	\$ 170,176	\$ 179,714
Demand interest bearing	142,709	103,583
Savings	346,851	405,437
Time deposits	555,606	506,378
Total deposits	1,215,342	1,195,112
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	216,761	138,796
Note payable	7,750	7,000
Other borrowed funds	1,301	3,863
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	492,299	365,844
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	14,755	17,331
Debentures	31,537	
Corporation-obligated mandatorily redeemable capital securities of subsidiary trust		30,495
Total liabilities	1,979,745	1,758,441
Shareholders equity:		
Common stock, no par value; 30,000,000 shares authorized; 10,991,460 and 11,041,263 shares issued, respectively	42,973	41,763
Treasury stock; 1,520,089 and 1,279,009 shares, respectively	(36,173)	(27,180)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	(834)	6,656
Retained earnings	131,050	115,095
Total shareholders equity	137,016	136,334
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	<b>\$2,116,761</b>	<b>\$ 1,894,775</b>



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**Table of Contents****Consolidated Statements of Income**

For the Years Ended December 31

<b>INTEREST INCOME</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
Loans (including fees):			
Taxable	\$ 75,655	\$ 79,671	\$ 85,631
Exempt from federal income taxes	838	922	1,092
Securities:			
Taxable	22,919	22,648	21,614
Exempt from federal income taxes	2,834	2,946	3,137
Federal funds sold and other	316	1,085	1,083
<b>Total interest income</b>	<b>102,562</b>	<b>107,272</b>	<b>112,557</b>
<b>INTEREST EXPENSE</b>			
Deposits	21,798	29,400	42,010
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	2,472	2,499	3,904
Note payable	214	38	47
Other borrowed funds	11	42	90
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	19,174	15,900	15,567
Debentures and capital securities	3,022	2,933	749
<b>Total interest expense</b>	<b>46,691</b>	<b>50,812</b>	<b>62,367</b>
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>55,871</b>	<b>56,460</b>	<b>50,190</b>
Provision for loan losses	7,610	6,159	4,718
<b>Net interest income after provision for loan losses</b>	<b>48,261</b>	<b>50,301</b>	<b>45,472</b>
<b>NON-INTEREST INCOME</b>			
Mortgage banking revenue	10,194	6,446	5,370
Service charges on deposit accounts	6,259	5,823	5,302
Trust fees	2,560	2,715	2,870
Security gains	4,584	592	642
Trading (losses) gains		(20)	19
Gain on sale of banking centers	5,619		
Other operating income	9,351	7,869	5,325
<b>Total non-interest income</b>	<b>38,567</b>	<b>23,425</b>	<b>19,528</b>
<b>NON-INTEREST EXPENSE</b>			
Salaries and employee benefits	29,583	26,345	21,544
Net occupancy	4,740	4,480	4,263
Equipment	4,052	3,898	3,891
Professional services	3,417	2,139	1,776
Assessment on deposits and other taxes	1,503	1,397	1,542
Amortization of goodwill and other intangibles	467	475	377
Merger-related costs		134	305
Banking center reconfiguration		2,096	
Other operating expenses	11,001	8,532	8,241
<b>Total non-interest expense</b>	<b>54,763</b>	<b>49,496</b>	<b>41,939</b>
<b>Income before federal income taxes</b>	<b>32,065</b>	<b>24,230</b>	<b>23,061</b>
Income tax expense:			

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Current	3,446	5,567	4,050
Deferred	5,464	663	1,830
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Total federal income tax expense	8,910	6,230	5,880
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Net income before cumulative effect of accounting change	\$ 23,155	\$ 18,000	\$ 17,181
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Cumulative effect of accounting change, net of tax - SFAS No. 133			(101)
Net income	\$ 23,155	\$ 18,000	\$ 17,080
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Earnings per common share:			
Basic - before cumulative effect of accounting change	\$ 2.43	\$ 1.82	\$ 1.72
Diluted - before cumulative effect of accounting change	\$ 2.41	\$ 1.79	\$ 1.70
Basic	\$ 2.43	\$ 1.82	\$ 1.71
Diluted	\$ 2.41	\$ 1.79	\$ 1.69
Average common shares outstanding:			
Basic	9,512,324	9,905,832	10,013,068
Diluted	9,623,388	10,040,001	10,080,005
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**Table of Contents****Consolidated Statements of Shareholders Equity**

	Common Stock	Treasury Stock	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Retained Earnings	Total	Comprehensive Income
Balance, January 1, 2001	\$ 36,935	\$(13,947)	\$ 281	\$ 93,928	\$ 117,197	
Comprehensive income:						
Net income				17,080	17,080	\$ 17,080
Change in other comprehensive income employee benefit plans, net of tax \$38			(71)		(71)	(71)
Change in unrealized gain on securities of \$5,602, net of reclassification adjustment for gains included in net income of \$642 and net of tax of \$1,736			3,224		3,224	3,224
Comprehensive income						\$ 20,233
Cash dividends declared:						
Common stock (\$.68 per share)				(6,798)	(6,798)	
Purchase of treasury stock		(2,851)			(2,851)	
Common stock issued - dividend reinvestment and stock option plans	518				518	
Balance, December 31, 2001	37,453	(16,798)	3,434	104,210	128,299	
Comprehensive income:						
Net income				18,000	18,000	\$ 18,000
Change in other comprehensive income employee benefit plans, net of tax of \$598			(1,111)		(1,111)	(1,111)
Change in unrealized gain on securities of \$7,258, net of reclassification adjustment for gains included in net income of \$592 and net of tax of \$2,333			4,333		4,333	4,333
Comprehensive income						\$ 21,222
Tax benefit on stock option exercise	554				554	
Cash dividends declared:						
Common stock (\$.72 per share)				(7,115)	(7,115)	
Purchase of treasury stock		(10,382)			(10,382)	
Common stock issued - dividend reinvestment and stock option plans	3,756				3,756	
Balance, December 31, 2002	41,763	(27,180)	6,656	115,095	136,334	
Comprehensive income:						
Net income				23,155	23,155	\$ 23,155
Change in other comprehensive income-employee benefit plans, net of tax of \$606			1,126		1,126	1,126
Change in other comprehensive income-unrealized loss on			(210)		(210)	(210)

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derivatives, net of tax of \$113						
Change in unrealized gain on securities of \$(8,348) net of reclassification adjustment for gains included in net income of \$4,584 and net of tax of \$4,526		(8,406)		(8,406)		(8,406)
Comprehensive income						\$ 15,665
Tax benefit on stock option exercise	128			128		
Cash dividends declared:						
Common stock (\$.76 per share)			(7,200)	(7,200)		
Purchase of treasury stock		(8,993)		(8,993)		
Common stock issued - dividend reinvestment and stock option plans	1,082			1,082		
<b>Balance, December 31, 2003</b>	<b>\$42,973</b>	<b>\$(36,173)</b>	<b>\$ (834)</b>	<b>\$131,050</b>	<b>\$137,016</b>	

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**Table of Contents****Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

For the Years Ended December 31

<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
Net income	\$ 23,155	\$ 18,000	\$ 17,080
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Provision for loan losses	7,610	6,159	4,718
Depreciation	3,132	3,354	3,487
Amortization of intangible assets	467	475	377
Amortization of servicing assets	7,445	4,861	1,320
Amortization (accretion) of investment discount and premium	2,308	5	(441)
(Decrease) increase in allowance for servicing assets	(1,400)	2,984	810
Deferred income taxes (benefit)	(5,464)	663	1,830
Net securities gains	(4,584)	(592)	(642)
Gain on sale of banking centers	(5,619)		
Other gains, net	(15,831)	(8,730)	(5,796)
Decrease in interest receivable	261	1,510	1,463
Decrease in interest payable	(82)	(579)	(975)
Originations of loans held-for-sale	(1,095,222)	(865,470)	(527,498)
Proceeds from sale of loans held-for-sale	1,111,038	874,189	527,041
Net change in other assets & other liabilities	(356)	1,681	(483)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<b>26,858</b>	38,510	22,291
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds from maturities of securities-available-for-sale	373,343	188,675	143,976
Proceeds from sales of securities-available-for-sale	78,036	253,852	76,420
Purchases of securities-available-for-sale	(559,068)	(541,411)	(234,001)
Cash paid for acquisition of Commerce Exchange Corporation, net of cash acquired			(24,522)
Net (decrease) increase in loans	(202,912)	(62,684)	36,232
Net increase in premises and equipment	(5,524)	(3,559)	(1,812)
Net cash used by investing activities	<b>(316,125)</b>	(165,127)	(3,707)
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Net increase in demand deposits, interest bearing demand and savings deposits	11,473	161,932	41,534
Net increase (decrease) in time deposits	100,206	(89,951)	(49,657)
Net deposits sold	(85,868)		
Net increase (decrease) in federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	77,965	31,517	(27,896)
Increase (decrease) in note payable	750	7,000	(1,000)
Net (decrease) increase in borrowings	(1,572)	(1,990)	3,299
Net increase in advances from Federal Home Loan Bank	126,455	90,692	23,419
Issuance of Corporation-obligated mandatorily redeemable capital securities of subsidiary trust			30,429
Cash dividends	(7,200)	(7,115)	(6,798)
Purchase of treasury stock	(8,993)	(10,382)	(2,851)
Net issuance of common stock	1,082	2,332	518
Net cash provided by financing activities	<b>214,298</b>	184,035	10,997
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(74,969)	57,418	29,581
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	122,271	64,853	35,272
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<b>\$ 47,302</b>	\$ 122,271	\$ 64,853

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Supplementary Cash Flow Information:

Cash paid for:

Federal income taxes - \$5,418, \$5,600 and \$5,650 for the 12 months ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively and

Interest - \$46,773, \$47,273 and \$63,342 for the 12 months ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

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### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

#### **1. Significant Accounting Policies**

##### **Nature of Operations**

Second Bancorp Incorporated (the Corporation) is a one-bank holding company with its most significant subsidiary being The Second National Bank of Warren (the Bank), headquartered in Warren, Ohio, with 33 retail banking centers and five loan production offices operating in northeast Ohio. In addition to general retail and commercial banking, the Bank engages in trust and mortgage banking activities and other financially related businesses. A second operating subsidiary is Stouffer-Herzog Insurance Agency, which sells a wide range of property, casualty, life and health insurance products in northeast Ohio. Additional non-operating subsidiaries include Second National Capital Corporation and Second National Financial Company, LLC, which were formed in 2002 to facilitate a capital conversion plan for the subsidiary Bank. The Corporation also maintains an unconsolidated subsidiary, Second Bancorp Capital Trust I, which was established in 2001 to facilitate raising Tier I eligible capital in the form of corporation-obligated mandatorily redeemable capital securities of the subsidiary trust (see Note 17).

The accounting policies followed by the Corporation conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and to general practices within the banking industry. The following is a description of the more significant accounting policies:

##### **Principles of Consolidation**

Significant inter-company balances and transactions between the Corporation and its subsidiaries have been eliminated. Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

##### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires Management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

##### **Business Combinations**

Business combinations, which have been accounted for under the purchase method of accounting, include the results of operations of the acquired business from the date of acquisition. Net assets of the Corporation were recorded at their estimated fair value as of the date of acquisition.

##### **Cash Equivalents**

Cash equivalents include amounts due from banks and federal funds sold and temporary investments. Generally, federal funds are purchased and sold for periods of less than 30 days.

##### **Securities**

Debt and equity securities are classified as available-for-sale and are carried at their estimated fair value. Adjustments to fair value of the securities available-for-sale, in the form of unrealized holding gains and losses, are excluded from earnings and reported net of tax as a separate component of shareholders' equity. Available-for-sale securities offer Management flexibility to sell securities to fund liquidity and manage the Corporation's interest rate risk.

The amortized cost of the debt securities is adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts to maturity, probable call date, or, in the case of mortgage-backed securities, over the estimated life of the security. Such amortization is included in interest income from securities. Interest and dividends are included in interest income from securities. Realized gains and losses, and declines in value judged to be other than temporary are included in net securities gains (losses). The cost of securities sold is based on the specific identification method.

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### **Loans**

Loans are stated at the principal amounts outstanding, net of unearned income and unamortized deferred costs. Interest on loans is accrued and credited to operations based upon the principal amount outstanding. Premiums on acquired loans have been deducted from the related interest income and are amortized over the remaining useful life of the loans acquired. The accrual of interest income generally is discontinued when a loan becomes, in Management's opinion, doubtful of being collectible and is impaired. When interest accruals are discontinued, interest credited to income for the current year is reversed and interest accrued in prior years is charged to the allowance for loan losses.

The Corporation accounts for loan origination and commitment fees and certain direct loan origination costs by deferring the net fees, or net costs, and amortizing them as an adjustment of the related loan's yield. The Corporation is amortizing these amounts over terms up to the contractual life of the related loans. Net unamortized deferred costs, primarily representing costs of acquiring indirect automobile, boat and recreational vehicle loans, were \$4,481 and \$3,643 at December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

### **Loans Held-for-sale**

From time to time, the Corporation will sell loans it originated, primarily mortgages. The loans are reclassified as held-for-sale and are recorded at the lower of aggregate cost or market value.

### **Allowance for Loan Losses and Impaired Loans**

The allowance for loan losses is maintained at a level believed adequate by Management to absorb probable losses in the loan portfolio. Management's determination of the adequacy of the allowance is based upon an evaluation of the collectibility of the loans. These evaluations take into consideration such factors as changes in the nature and volume of the loan portfolio, current economic conditions that may affect the borrower's ability to repay (including the timing of future payments), overall quality, analysis of prior and current loss experience and a review of specific problem loans. The allowance reflects probable losses resulting from the analysis of individual loans, developed through specific credit allocations for individual loans and historical loss experience for each loan category. The specific credit allocations are based on a regular analysis of all loans over a specific dollar amount where the internal credit rating is at or below a predetermined classification level. The historical loan loss component is determined statistically using a loss migration analysis that examines loss experience and the related internal grading of loans charged off. The allowance also includes components for concentrations, loan volume and specific economic conditions of the markets in which the Corporation operates. The determinations arrived at inherently involve a high degree of uncertainty and knowledge of the loans' loss characteristics may be incomplete. Loan losses are charged off against the allowance, while recoveries of amounts previously charged off are credited to the allowance. A provision for loan losses is charged to operations based on Management's periodic evaluation of these and other pertinent factors.

Loans are considered impaired when it is probable that amounts due pursuant to the contractual terms of the loan will not be collected. This evaluation is inherently subjective and requires Management to make estimates regarding the amounts and timing of future cash flows expected to be received on impaired loans that could be susceptible to change. To determine the amount of impaired loans, the Corporation analyzes the expected cash flows of non-accrual loans. To the extent that the expected cash flows are less than the amounts due according to the contractual terms of an individual loan, the loan balance is included as impaired loans. A specific allowance is maintained on impaired loans when the net present value of expected cash flows after considering collateral and other credit enhancements is less than the carrying amount of the loan.

### **Premises and Equipment**

Premises and equipment are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization for premises and equipment, including costs related to developing or obtaining software for internal use, is computed generally by the straight-line method over their useful lives. Original estimated useful lives for premises and equipment range from 3 to 10 years. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of the terms of the respective leases or the estimated useful lives.

**Table of Contents****Goodwill**

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of an acquisition over the fair value of the net assets acquired. On January 1, 2002, the Corporation adopted SFAS No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*. Under the provisions of SFAS No. 142, goodwill is no longer ratably amortized into the income statement over an estimated life but rather is tested at least annually for impairment. The Corporation performed the annual testing for impairment as of July 1, 2003 and concluded that no impairment had occurred.

**Intangible Assets**

Other intangible assets represent purchased assets that also lack physical substance but can be distinguished from goodwill because of contractual or other legal rights or because the asset is capable of being sold or exchanged either on its own or in combination with a related contract, asset or liability. Intangible assets resulting from the excess of the purchase price over net identifiable tangible assets acquired through acquisitions are specifically identified when determinable. The resulting core deposit and customer list intangibles are amortized both on an accelerated basis and on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life. Original estimated useful lives for the intangibles range from 10 to 18 years.

**Mortgage Servicing Assets**

The Corporation recognizes as separate assets the value of mortgage servicing rights, whether those rights are acquired through loan origination activities or through purchase activities. Mortgage servicing assets are carried at the lower of initial carrying amount, adjusted for amortization, or fair estimated value. Management stratifies servicing assets based on term, pass-through rate and method of acquisition. Capitalized mortgage servicing assets are amortized on an accelerated basis over the estimated life of the loans sold. Management evaluates the recoverability of the mortgage servicing assets in relation to the impact of actual and anticipated loan portfolio prepayments, foreclosures and delinquency experience.

**Deposits**

Discounts and premiums on acquired deposits have been deducted or added respectively from the related interest expense and are being accreted or amortized over the remaining useful life of the deposits.

**Stock Options**

At December 31, 2003, the Corporation maintains three stock-based compensations plans, which are more fully described in Note 22. The Corporation accounts for those plans under recognition and measurement principles of Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees* and related Interpretations. Under APB No. 25, because the exercise price of the Corporation's employee stock options equals the market price of the underlying stock on the date of the grant, no compensation expense is recognized.

Pro-forma information regarding net income and earnings per share is required by SFAS No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation* and has been determined as if the Corporation had accounted for its employee stock options under the fair value method of that Statement. Under the fair-value based method, compensation cost is measured at the grant date based upon the value of the award and recognized over the service period. For purposes of the pro-forma disclosures, the estimated fair value of the option is amortized to expense over the options' vesting period. The Corporation's pro-forma information follows:

	Years Ended December 31		
	2003	2002	2001
Net income, as reported	\$ 23,155	\$ 18,000	\$ 17,080
Deduct: Total stock-based compensation expense determined under fair-value based method for all awards (see note 22), net of related tax effects	(611)	(585)	(418)
Pro-forma net income	\$ 22,544	\$ 17,415	\$ 16,662
Earnings per share:			
Basic-as reported	\$ 2.43	\$ 1.82	\$ 1.71

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Basic-pro-forma	\$ 2.37	\$ 1.76	\$ 1.66
Diluted-as reported	\$ 2.41	\$ 1.79	\$ 1.69
Diluted-pro-forma	\$ 2.34	\$ 1.73	\$ 1.65

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### **Treasury Stock**

Acquisitions of treasury stock are recorded on the cost method with the full amount of the cash paid deducted from shareholders' equity.

### **Derivative Instruments**

As part of managing the Corporation's interest rate risk, a variety of financial instruments may, from time to time, be used to hedge fair values and to alter the cash flow characteristics of certain on-balance sheet instruments. The derivative financial instruments used primarily consist of interest rate caps, floors and swaps.

SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, requires companies to recognize all derivative instruments as either assets or liabilities in the statement of financial position at fair value. The accounting for changes in the fair value (i.e. unrealized gains or losses) of a derivative instrument depends on whether it has been designated and qualifies as part of a hedging relationship and further, on the type of hedging relationship. For those derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as hedging instruments, the Corporation must designate the hedging instruments, based upon the exposure being hedged, as either a fair value hedge or a cash flow hedge.

For derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as a fair value hedge (i.e. hedging the exposure to changes in the fair value of an asset or a liability or an identified portion thereof that is attributable to a particular risk), the change in fair value of the derivative instrument and the change in fair value of the hedged item attributable to the hedged risk is recorded on the balance sheet with the corresponding entry recognized in other income or other expense. The adjustment to the hedged item is included in the basis of the hedged item, while the fair value of the derivative instrument is recorded in other assets/other liabilities. Accrual of cash receipts or payments related to the derivative instrument is recorded in interest income or interest expense, depending on the hedged item. Upon termination of a derivative instrument prior to maturity, the aforementioned basis adjustment to the hedged item is amortized/accreted into interest income or interest expense over the remaining life of the hedged item using the effective interest method. Should the hedged item be sold, mature or be extinguished prior to the maturity date of the derivative instrument, the derivative instrument's change in fair value subsequent to sale, maturity or extinguishment of the hedged item will be recorded in other income or other expense.

For derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as a cash flow hedge (i.e. hedging the exposure to variability in expected future cash flows that is attributable to a particular risk), the effective portion of the gain or loss on the derivative instrument is reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income and reclassified into interest income or interest expense in the same period or periods during which the hedged item affects interest income or interest expense. The remaining gain or loss of the derivative instrument in excess of the cumulative change in the present value of future cash flows of the hedged item, if any, is ineffectiveness and is recognized in other income/other expense during the period of change. Upon termination of a derivative instrument prior to maturity, the aforementioned adjustment to accumulated other comprehensive income is amortized/accreted into interest income or interest expense over the remaining term of the hedge relationship using the effective interest method. Should the hedged item be sold, mature or extinguished prior to the end of the hedge relationship or a forecasted transaction is probable of not occurring, the aforementioned amounts in accumulated other comprehensive income are reclassified to interest income or interest expense and the derivative instrument's change in fair value from that point forward will be recorded in other income or other expense.

For derivative instruments not designated as hedging instruments, the gain or loss is recognized in other income or other expense during the period of change.

### **Marketing Costs**

All marketing related costs, including advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Marketing costs expensed in 2003, 2002 and 2001 were \$1.8 million, \$1.4 million and \$1.6 million, respectively.

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### **Federal Income Taxes**

Deferred federal income taxes are provided for differences between tax and financial statement bases of assets and liabilities at year-end. Deferred taxes are recognized using the liability method, whereby tax rates are applied to cumulative temporary differences based on when and how they are expected to affect the tax return. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are adjusted for tax rate changes. The statutory rate in effect for a particular year is used to determine after-tax components of other comprehensive income included in the statements of changes in shareholders equity.

### **2. Pending Merger**

On January 8, 2004, the Corporation and Sky Financial Group, Inc., based in Bowling Green, Ohio, announced an agreement whereby Sky Financial Group will acquire the Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiaries including the Bank. The transaction is expected to close during the second quarter of 2004. Under the terms of the agreement, shareholders of the Corporation will receive 1.26 shares of Sky Financial Group common stock for each share of the Corporation.

The agreement provides for the merger of the Corporation into Sky Financial Group, and the subsequent merger of the Bank into Sky Bank, Sky Financial Group's commercial banking affiliate. The Corporation's insurance affiliate Stouffer-Herzog will be integrated into Sky Insurance some time after the merger is complete.

The merger is subject to receipt of applicable regulatory approvals and to the approval of the shareholders of the Corporation.

### **3. Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

#### **Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation**

In December 2002, SFAS No. 148, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation-Transition and Disclosure-an Amendment of FASB Statement 123, was issued. SFAS No. 148 amends SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, to provide alternative methods of transition to adopting SFAS No. 123's fair value method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation. SFAS No. 148 also amends the disclosure provisions of SFAS No. 123 and APB Opinion No. 28 Interim Financial Reporting, to require disclosure in the summary of significant accounting policies of the effects of an entity's accounting policy with respect to stock-based employee compensation on reported net income and earnings per share in annual and interim financial statements. SFAS No. 148 was effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2002. Interim pro forma disclosures are required for interim periods beginning after December 15, 2002. The disclosure requirements of SFAS No. 148 are reflected in Note 1 Significant Accounting Policies Stock Options.

#### **Amendment of Statement 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities**

In April 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 149, Amendment of Statement 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, which amends and clarifies financial accounting and reporting for derivative instruments, including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts, and hedging activities addressed under SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities. This accounting guidance amends SFAS No. 133 for decisions made by the FASB as part of the Derivatives Implementation Group process and also amends SFAS No. 133 to clarify the definition of a derivative. SFAS No. 149 is effective generally for contracts entered into or modified after June 30, 2003, and for hedging relationships designated after June 30, 2003. The adoption of SFAS No. 149 did not have a material impact on the Corporation's financial condition, results of operations or liquidity.

#### **Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity**

In May 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 150, Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity, which establishes standards for how an issuer is to classify and measure certain financial instruments with characteristics of both liabilities and equity. It requires that an issuer classify certain financial instruments that would previously have been classified as equity as liabilities (or as assets in some circumstances). Specifically, SFAS No. 150 requires that financial instruments issued in the form of shares that are mandatorily redeemable; financial instruments that embody an obligation to



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repurchase the issuer's equity shares or are indexed to such an obligation; or financial instruments that embody an unconditional obligation or a conditional obligation that can be settled in certain ways be classified as liabilities. This accounting guidance is effective for financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003, and otherwise is effective at the beginning of the first interim period beginning after June 15, 2003. The adoption of SFAS No. 150 did not have a material impact on the Corporation's financial condition, results of operations or liquidity.

### **Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others**

In November 2002, the FASB issued Interpretation No. 45, "Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others" (FIN No. 45) which expands on the accounting guidance of Statements No. 5, 57 and 107 and incorporates without change the provisions of FASB Interpretation No. 34, which is being superseded.

FIN No. 45, which is applicable to public and non-public entities, has significantly changed current practice in the accounting for, and disclosure of, guarantees. Each guarantee meeting the characteristics described in FIN No. 45 is to be recognized and initially measured at fair value, which will be a change from current practice for most entities. In addition, guarantors will be required to make significant new disclosures, even if the likelihood of the guarantor making payments under the guarantee is remote, which represents another change from current general practice.

FIN No. 45's disclosure requirements are effective for financial statements of interim or annual periods ending after December 15, 2002, while the initial recognition and initial measurement provisions are applicable on a prospective basis to guarantees issued or modified after December 31, 2002.

The Corporation has adopted FIN No. 45 effective January 1, 2003 and included the required disclosures in Note 25. FIN No. 45 recognition and measurement provisions have not had a material impact on the Corporation's results of operations, financial position or liquidity.

### **Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities**

In January 2003, the FASB issued Interpretation No. 46 (FIN 46), "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities (VIEs)", an interpretation of Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51, "Consolidated Financial Statements", to improve financial reporting of special purpose and other entities. In accordance with FIN 46, business enterprises that represent the primary beneficiary of another entity by retaining a controlling financial interest in that entity's assets, liabilities and results of operating activities must consolidate the entity in its financial statements. Prior to the issuance of FIN 46, consolidation generally occurred when an enterprise controlled another entity through voting interests. Certain VIEs that are qualifying special purpose entities subject to the reporting requirements of FASB 140, "Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishment of Liabilities" will not be required to be consolidated under the provisions of FIN 46. The consolidation provisions of FIN 46 apply to VIEs entered into after January 31, 2003. For preexisting VIEs, the FASB deferred the consolidation provisions on October 8, 2003, to periods ending after December 15, 2003. In December 2003, the FASB reissued FIN 46 with certain modifications and clarifications. Application of this guidance was effective for interests in certain VIEs commonly referred to as special-purpose entities (SPEs) as of December 31, 2003. Application for all other types of entities is required for periods ending after March 15, 2004, unless previously applied.

The Corporation makes investments directly in low income housing projects through the Retail Banking line of business. As a limited partner in these unconsolidated projects, the Corporation is allocated tax credits and deductions associated with the underlying properties. The Corporation has determined these projects to be VIEs in which it has an interest, but for which it is not the primary beneficiary. At December 31, 2003, estimated assets of the projects totaled approximately \$315,000. The Corporation's maximum exposure to loss from its involvement with these projects is the unamortized investment balance of \$555 at December 31, 2003. During the year ended December 31, 2003, the Corporation obtained no significant interests in low income housing projects created after January 31, 2003.

The Corporation applied the provisions of FIN 46 to a wholly-owned subsidiary grantor trust that had issued mandatorily redeemable preferred securities of the grantor trust to third party investors. The

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application of FIN 46 to this pre-existing VIE was effective December 31, 2003 and resulted in the deconsolidation of the trust. The assets and liabilities of the subsidiary trust that was deconsolidated totaled \$33.0 million and \$32.0 million, respectively. See Note 17 for further discussion of this trust and the Corporation's related obligations.

There was no material impact to results of operations or liquidity as of and for the year ended December 31, 2003 as a result of applying the provisions of FIN 46.

**Accounting for Certain Loans or Debt Securities Acquired in a Transfer**

In December 2003, the FASB cleared Statement of Position No. 03-3, Accounting for Certain Loans or Debt Securities Acquired in a Transfer (SOP 03-3) which had been issued by the Accounting Standards Executive Committee of the AICPA. SOP 03-3 addresses accounting for differences between contractual cash flows and cash flows expected to be collected from an investor's initial investment in loans or debt securities acquired in a transfer if those differences are attributable, at least in part, to credit quality. The provisions of SOP 03-3 are effective for the Corporation for loans acquired beginning January 1, 2005, with early adoption encouraged. The Corporation is currently assessing the potential impact this statement will have on results of operation, financial position or liquidity.

**Loan Commitments**

On December 11, 2003, the SEC staff announced its intention to release a Staff Accounting Bulletin that would require all registrants to account for mortgage loan interest rate lock commitments related to loans held for sale as written options, effective no later than for commitments entered into after March 31, 2004. The Corporation enters into such commitments with customers in connection with residential mortgage loan applications and at December 31, 2003 had approximately \$80 million in notional amount of these commitments outstanding. This guidance, if issued, would require the Corporation to recognize a liability on its balance sheet equal to the fair value of the commitment at the time the loan commitment is issued. As a result, this guidance would delay the recognition of any revenue related to these commitments until such time as the loan is sold, however, it would have no effect on the ultimate amount of revenue or cash flows recognized over time. The Corporation is currently assessing the impact on this pending guidance on its results of operations and financial position. In the quarter of adoption, there would likely be a one-time negative impact to mortgage banking revenue yet to be determined.

**4. Mergers, acquisitions and reconfiguration**

On September 4, 2002, the Corporation acquired Stouffer-Herzog Insurance Agency (Stouffer-Herzog), an insurance agency located in Ashtabula, Ohio, in a transaction accounted for as a purchase under SFAS No. 141. Goodwill of \$1.3 million was recorded in connection with the acquisition. Additionally, a customer list intangible asset of \$978 was recorded and is being amortized on a straight-line basis over 18 years. Second Bancorp paid \$1.98 million through the issuance of common stock to the shareholders of Stouffer-Herzog for all the outstanding shares of Stouffer-Herzog common stock. Merger expenses incurred in 2002 as a result of the Stouffer-Herzog acquisition totaled \$134 and consisted primarily of consulting fees.

The condensed balance sheet at fair value of Stouffer-Herzog as of the acquisition date was as follows:

Assets:	
Cash and due from banks	\$ 395
Other assets	636
	—————
Total assets	\$ 1,031
	—————
Liabilities and capital:	
Current liabilities	\$ 599
Long-term liabilities	149
Capital	283
	—————
Total liabilities and capital	\$ 1,031
	—————

Net income in 2002 was impacted by a \$2,096 expense for the execution of a banking center reconfiguration strategy. The strategy was designed to improve the overall growth potential and



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profitability of the retail banking center network. The cost recognized in 2002 included the costs to close two facilities, the costs to close four facilities that were consolidated into two larger, more accessible facilities and the costs to close two facilities, which were relocated to larger, more accessible locations. The strategy also included the sale of two remote banking centers and the opening of a new banking center in a new market.

**5. Restrictions on Cash and Due from Bank Accounts**

The Bank is required to maintain average reserve balances with the Federal Reserve Bank. The average amounts of those reserve balances for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 were approximately \$3,014 and \$1,988, respectively, which represents compensating balances for services provided by the Federal Reserve Bank.

**6. Securities**

The following is a summary of securities:

December 31, 2003	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Market Value
Available for Sale:				
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of other				
U.S. government agencies and corporations	\$ 3,023	\$ 25	\$	\$ 3,048
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	70,990	2,438	(182)	73,246
Corporate securities	42,881	392	(572)	42,701
Mortgage-backed securities	473,777	1,991	(4,984)	470,784
	<u>590,671</u>	<u>4,846</u>	<u>(5,738)</u>	<u>589,779</u>
Total debt securities	590,671	4,846	(5,738)	589,779
Equity securities	30,930	—	(13)	30,917
	<u>30,930</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(13)</u>	<u>30,917</u>
Total Available-for-Sale Securities	\$ 621,601	\$ 4,846	\$ (5,751)	\$ 620,696
	<u>\$ 621,601</u>	<u>\$ 4,846</u>	<u>\$ (5,751)</u>	<u>\$ 620,696</u>
December 31, 2002	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Market Value
Available for Sale:				
U. S. Treasury securities and obligations of other				
U. S. government agencies and corporations	\$ 28,438	\$ 1,322	\$	\$ 29,760
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	63,485	3,482	(40)	66,927
Corporate securities	68,068	2,709	(2,719)	68,058
Mortgage-backed securities	326,011	7,247	—	333,258
	<u>486,002</u>	<u>14,760</u>	<u>(2,759)</u>	<u>498,003</u>
Total debt securities	486,002	14,760	(2,759)	498,003
Equity securities	25,641	107	(82)	25,666
	<u>25,641</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>(82)</u>	<u>25,666</u>
Total Available-for-Sale Securities	\$ 511,643	\$ 14,867	\$ (2,841)	\$ 523,669
	<u>\$ 511,643</u>	<u>\$ 14,867</u>	<u>\$ (2,841)</u>	<u>\$ 523,669</u>

Accumulated unrealized (loss) gain in accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax is \$(568), \$7,838 and \$3,505 for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

Information relating to the aggregate amount of unrealized losses and the aggregate related fair values of investments with unrealized losses, segregated by the time periods during which the investment has been in an unrealized loss position, as of December 31, 2003, is as follows:

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	<u>Amortized Cost</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Losses</u>	<u>Estimated Market Value</u>
Less than 12 months	\$ 332,979	\$ (5,196)	\$ 327,783
Greater than 12 months	6,763	(555)	6,208
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Total	\$ 339,742	\$ (5,751)	\$ 333,991
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>



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Commercial	\$ 631,170	\$ 542,691
Consumer	399,137	322,841
Real estate mortgage	273,422	249,946
Real estate construction	46,091	52,313
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total	\$1,349,820	\$1,167,791
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

The Bank also has granted loans to officers and directors of both the Corporation and the Bank and their associates ( Related Party Loans ). Related party loans are made on substantially the same terms, including interest rates and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with unrelated persons. The aggregate dollar amounts of these loans were \$10,009 and \$8,841 at December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. New loans and advances totaled \$12,118 and payments were \$10,950

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in 2003. During 2003, the Bank leased one of its banking centers from a partnership that is 50% owned by a director emeritus of the Corporation. The fair market annual rental rate on the lease totals \$40 and expires in 2004. Additionally in 2003, the Bank received rent from a foundation that has a director as a trustee totaling \$17 and a current director's law firm totaling \$81. Corporate vendor payments to that same law firm in 2003 totaled \$90.

**8. Asset Quality****Allowance for Loan Losses**

Changes in the allowance for loan losses for each of the last three years ended December 31 were as follows:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Balance at beginning of year	<b>\$ 17,595</b>	\$ 16,695	\$ 15,217
Charge-offs	<b>(6,962)</b>	(6,584)	(6,471)
Recoveries	<b>631</b>	1,325	1,353
Net charge-offs	<b>(6,331)</b>	(5,259)	(5,118)
Provision for loan losses	<b>7,610</b>	6,159	4,718
Acquired provision balances			1,878
Balance at end of year	<b>\$ 18,874</b>	\$ 17,595	\$ 16,695
Allowance for loan losses as a percent of total loans	<b>1.40%</b>	1.51%	1.49%

**Non-accrual, Past-due and Restructured Loans (Non-performing Loans)**

Non-accrual loans are loans that are no longer accruing interest at the discretion of Management. This occurs when Management determines that the borrower can no longer service the debt, but the loan is adequately secured with collateral or the borrower will be able to repay the principal of the loan in the future. Past-due loans are loans with principal payments more than 90 days past due. Both interest and principal are expected to be repaid. Restructured loans include loans whose original terms were redesigned to allow the customer to remain current and repay the loan. Also listed is other real estate owned which represents real estate acquired through the default of loans. The Bank's practice is to carry other real estate owned at the lower of cost or fair market value, less estimated costs to sell.

<u>December 31</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Non-accrual loans	<b>\$ 13,349</b>	\$ 13,123
Past-due loans	<b>8,878</b>	5,692
Restructured loans	<b>1,017</b>	378
Total	<b>\$ 23,244</b>	\$ 19,193
Percent of total loans at year end	<b>1.72%</b>	1.64%
Other real estate owned (net of reserve)	<b>\$ 713</b>	\$ 1,371

Interest income that would have been earned under the original terms of the loans classified in non-accrual and restructured loans in the above schedule amounted to \$1,325 and \$1,229 in 2003 and 2002, respectively. No interest income was realized on these loans for 2003 or 2002, respectively. Loans that were considered to be impaired under SFAS No. 114 totaled \$13,349 and \$13,123 as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively, all of which were included in non-performing assets as of those dates. The average balance of impaired loans was \$12,600 in 2003 and \$8,114 in 2002. The related allowance allocated to impaired loans for 2003 and 2002 was \$3,633 and \$3,829, respectively.



**9. Significant Concentration of Credit Risk**

Most of the Bank's business activity is with customers located within the state of Ohio. As of December 31, 2003, the Bank had a concentration in commercial real estate loans totaling approximately \$420,709, approximately 75.0% of which were owner-occupied businesses, including restaurants and nursing homes within the Bank's market area. Of the \$420,709 of commercial real estate loans, \$3,166 or 0.75% were on non-accrual status as of December 31, 2003.

**Table of Contents****10. Fair Values of Financial Instruments**

SFAS No. 107, Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments, requires that the Corporation disclose estimated fair values for its financial instruments. The market value of securities, as presented in Note 6, is based primarily upon quoted market prices. For substantially all other financial instruments, the fair values are Management's estimates of the values at which the instruments could be exchanged in a transaction between willing parties. In accordance with SFAS No. 107, fair values are based on estimates using present value and other valuation techniques in instances where quoted prices are not available. These techniques are significantly affected by the assumptions used, including discount rates and estimates of future cash flows. As such, the derived fair value estimates cannot be substantiated by comparison to independent markets and, further, may not be realizable in an immediate settlement of the instruments. SFAS No. 107 also excludes certain items from its disclosure requirements. Accordingly, the aggregate fair value amounts presented do not represent, and should not be construed to represent, the underlying value of the Corporation.

The following table presents the estimates of fair value of financial instruments:

	December 31, 2003		December 31, 2002	
	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value
<b>Assets:</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 47,302	\$ 47,302	\$ 122,271	\$ 122,271
Securities	620,696	620,696	523,669	523,669
Loans	1,349,820	1,341,385	1,167,791	1,166,701
Allowance for loan losses	(18,874)		(17,595)	
Servicing assets	20,936	21,316	12,403	12,403
Servicing asset derivatives	492	492	375	375
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Demand deposits-non-interest bearing	170,176	170,176	179,714	179,714
Demand deposits-interest bearing	142,709	142,709	103,583	103,583
Savings deposits	346,851	346,851	405,437	405,437
Time deposits	555,606	564,146	506,378	518,121
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	216,761	216,761	138,796	138,796
Note payable	7,750	7,750	7,000	7,000
Other borrowed funds	1,301	1,301	3,863	3,863
FHLB advances	492,299	522,401	365,844	405,984
Other long-term debt	31,537	32,886	30,495	35,389
Interest rate swap liability	408	408	258	258

Fair value estimates, methods and assumptions are set forth below for the Corporation's financial instruments:

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The carrying amounts reported in the balance sheet for cash and cash equivalents approximate those assets' fair value.

**Securities**

Fair values for securities are based on quoted market prices, where available. If quoted market prices are not available, fair values are based on quoted market prices of comparable instruments.

**Loans**

Variable-rate loans that reprice frequently are assumed to have a short-duration period, yielding a fair value that approximates the carrying value. The fair values for other loans are estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation.

**Servicing Assets**

The fair value of servicing assets was determined via an independent valuation from a third party.

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Included in the valuation were assumptions regarding prepayment speeds, discount rates, servicing costs, delinquency, ancillary income and foreclosure costs arrived at from third party sources and internal historical records.

**Servicing Asset Derivatives**

The fair values disclosed are from quoted market prices determined by the floor counterparty.

**Deposit Liabilities**

The fair values disclosed for demand deposits and interest bearing demand and savings deposit accounts are, by definition, equal to the amount payable on demand at the reporting date (i.e., their carrying amounts). The carrying amounts for time deposits are estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation. Variable-rate time deposits that reprice frequently are assumed to have a short-duration period, yielding a fair value that approximates the carrying value.

**Federal Funds Purchased, Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase and Other Short-Term Borrowings**

The carrying amounts of federal funds purchased, securities sold under agreements to repurchase and other short-term borrowings approximate their fair values.

**FHLB Advances**

The fair value for the FHLB advances was determined using payoff quotations from the FHLB and discounted cash flow calculations.

**Other Long-term Debt**

The fair value for the other long-term debt was based on market prices of comparable instruments.

**Interest Rate Swap Liability**

The fair value represents the estimated amounts the Corporation would receive or pay to terminate the contracts, taking into account current interest rates.

**11. Premises and Equipment**

The following is a summary of bank premises and equipment accounts as of December 31:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Land and buildings	\$ 7,649	\$ 7,993
Leasehold improvements	11,351	9,558
Furniture and equipment	31,701	28,923
	<u>50,701</u>	<u>46,474</u>
Less:		
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	31,688	29,842
Total	<u>\$ 19,013</u>	<u>\$ 16,632</u>

**12. Goodwill and Intangible Assets**

The carrying amount for goodwill and intangible assets as of December 31 is as follows:

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	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Goodwill	<b>\$ 16,700</b>	\$ 16,708
Core deposit intangible	<b>2,480</b>	2,764
Customer list intangible	<b>867</b>	950
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total	<b>\$ 20,047</b>	\$ 20,422
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

Core deposit intangible accumulated amortization as of December 31, 2003 and 2002 is \$7,311 and \$6,871, respectively. Core deposit intangible amortization expense for 2003 and 2002 was \$439 and \$447, respectively. Amortization expense for the customer list intangible was \$83 in 2003 and \$28 in 2002.

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Future core deposit intangible and customer list intangible amortization expense is as follows for the years ended December 31:

	<u>Core Deposit Intangible</u>	<u>Customer List Intangible</u>
2004	\$ 372	\$ 79
2005	366	74
2006	362	70
2007	358	67
2008	369	63

The changes to the carrying amount of goodwill are as follows:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Balance at January 1	<b>\$ 16,708</b>	\$ 14,645
Goodwill acquired during the year	<b>54</b>	1,319
Adjustments for specific identification		744
Impairment (sale of banking centers)	<b>(62)</b>	
Balance at December 31	<b>\$ 16,700</b>	\$ 16,708

As of December 31, 2003, goodwill was allocated to the Corporation's lines of business as follows: Mortgage \$0; Commercial \$11,763; Retail \$3,618; Parent and other \$1,319.

**13. Servicing Assets**

Servicing assets consisted of the following as of December 31:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Mortgage servicing assets	<b>\$ 20,512</b>	\$ 11,967
Other servicing assets	<b>424</b>	436
Total	<b>\$ 20,936</b>	\$ 12,403

At December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, the Corporation serviced mortgage loans for others totaling \$1,750,733, \$1,319,645 and \$812,774, respectively. Following is an analysis of the activity for capitalized mortgage loan servicing assets during the years ended December 31:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Balance at January 1	<b>\$ 11,967</b>	\$ 8,313	\$ 4,065
Additions	<b>14,447</b>	11,342	6,270
Amortizations	<b>(7,302)</b>	(4,704)	(1,212)
Change in valuation allowance	<b>1,400</b>	(2,984)	(810)
Balance at December 31	<b>\$ 20,512</b>	\$ 11,967	\$ 8,313

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The fair value of mortgage servicing assets is estimated by calculating the present value of estimated future cash flows, taking into consideration several different variables including discount rate, investor type, product type, interest rate, escrow balances, delinquencies, servicing fees and costs and prepayment speeds. The expected and actual rate of mortgage loan prepayments is the most significant factor affecting the value of mortgage servicing assets. The risk characteristics used to stratify the recognized servicing assets include method of origination and interest rate. The fair value of the servicing assets was \$20,892, \$11,967 and \$8,844 as of December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. Following is an analysis of the aggregate changes in the valuation allowances for mortgage servicing assets for the years ended December 31:

	2003	2002	2001
Balance at January 1	\$ 3,794	\$ 810	\$
Additions	4,251	2,984	810
Reductions	(5,651)		
	\$ 2,394	\$3,794	\$810

The Corporation utilized interest rate derivatives to mitigate the risk of changes in the valuation of mortgage servicing assets. The fair value of the derivatives was \$492 and \$375 as of December 31, 2003

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and 2002, respectively. Changes in market value of derivatives included in mortgage banking revenue were \$(2,753), \$567 and \$0 in 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

At December 31, 2003, key economic assumptions and the sensitivity of the current fair value of mortgage servicing assets to immediate 10% and 20% adverse changes in those assumptions are presented in the table that follows. These sensitivities are hypothetical and should be used with caution. As the figures indicate, changes in fair value based on a 10% variation in assumptions generally cannot be extrapolated because the relationship of the change in the assumption to the change in fair value may not be linear. Also, the effect of a variation in a particular assumption on the fair value of the mortgage servicing assets is calculated independently without changing any other assumption. In reality, changes in one factor may result in changes in another (for example, changes in prepayment rate estimates could result in changes in the discount rates), which might magnify or counteract the sensitivities.

Fair value	\$ 20,892
Expected weighted average life (in years)	4.8
Prepayment rate (annual PSA)	257
Decrease in fair value from 10% adverse change	\$ 981
Decrease in fair value from 20% adverse change	\$ 1,881
Discount rate	9.01%
Decrease in fair value from 10% adverse change	\$ 628
Decrease in fair value from 20% adverse change	\$ 1,223

The Corporation also services Small Business Administration (SBA) loans for others totaling \$16,862 and \$16,414 as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Amounts capitalized as originated servicing assets were \$131, \$185, and \$144 in 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. Capitalized servicing assets amortized were \$143, \$157 and \$108 in 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

**14. Federal Funds Purchased and Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase**

The Corporation has the availability to borrow \$73 million from correspondent banks as overnight federal funds purchased. Federal funds purchased as of December 31, 2003 totaled \$51.5 million. There were no federal funds purchased as of December 31, 2002. The Corporation has repurchase agreements with corporate customers and local municipalities. These borrowings have an overnight maturity and are collateralized with U.S. Treasury and government agency securities, including agency-issued mortgage-backed securities with a market value of \$188,953 and \$161,998 as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The securities are held in the Corporation's safekeeping account at the Federal Reserve Bank. Although there were no repurchase agreements with approved brokers outstanding at December 31, 2003, the Corporation previously maintained such balances, which were collateralized by U.S. Treasury and government agency securities held by the broker. The following table summarizes certain information relative to these borrowings:

	2003	2002
Outstanding at December 31	<b>\$216,761</b>	\$ 138,796
Weighted-average interest rate at December 31	<b>1.18%</b>	1.56%
Maximum amount outstanding as of any month end	<b>\$251,404</b>	\$ 178,536
Average amount outstanding	<b>\$195,620</b>	\$ 134,374
Approximate weighted-average interest rate during the year	<b>1.26%</b>	1.84%

**15. Notes Payable**

As of December 31, 2003, the Corporation had \$20 million in unsecured lines of credit with two correspondent banks. The lines are renewable annually and bear interest at a floating rate based on several indices including LIBOR, federal funds or prime rate. As of December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively, the Corporation had \$7.75 million and \$7 million in outstanding notes payable to a correspondent bank.

**16. Other Borrowed Funds and Federal Home Loan Bank Advances**

The Corporation has a Treasury Note Option Agreement with the Federal Government, which allows the





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Corporation to hold funds deposited by customers for treasury and tax payments to the Government up to a self-imposed limit of \$6,000. Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) advances are primarily collateralized by all shares of FHLB stock and a portion of the Corporation's qualified mortgage loan portfolio, and are used to fund mortgage loan originations of the Corporation and as a regular funding source. As of December 31, 2003, the book value of pledged collateral totaled \$649 million and consisted of \$350 million in residential mortgage loans, \$69 million in home equity loans, \$43 million in junior lien installment loans and \$187 million in various securities. As of December 31, 2002, the book value of pledged collateral was \$506 million and consisted of \$331 million in residential mortgage loans, \$55 million in home equity loans, \$35 million in junior lien installment loans and \$85 million in various securities. The detail of these borrowings on December 31, 2003 and 2002 is as follows:

Description	Current Interest Rates	Balance	
		2003	2002
Other borrowed funds	0.73%	\$ 1,301	\$ 3,863
Fixed rate FHLB advances with monthly principal and interest payments			
Advances with contractual maturities within one year	4.29%	\$ 8,000	\$ 10,000
Fixed rate FHLB advances with monthly principal and interest payments			
Advances with contractual maturities over one year until 2013	1.76% to 6.87%	\$ 362,299	\$ 348,844
Variable rate FHLB advances with monthly interest payments			
Advances with contractual maturities within one year	1.04% to 1.07%	\$ 115,000	\$
Advance with contractual maturity due in 2005	1.06%	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000

The Bank has a number of FHLB advances with fixed rates that have a convertible date prior to their contractual maturity date. In an increasing rate environment, these advances may be subject to their convertible date.

The table below provides a maturity distribution for the Corporation's \$523,836 long-term debt, which includes the FHLB advances and the debentures owed to the unconsolidated subsidiary trust discussed in Note 17:

2004	\$ 123,000
2005	7,000
2006	5,000
2007	45,663
2008	21,000
Thereafter	322,173

#### **17. Junior Subordinated Debentures Owed to Unconsolidated Subsidiary trust and Corporation-Obligated Mandatorily Redeemable Capital Securities of Subsidiary Trust Holding Solely Debentures of the Corporation**

The corporation-obligated mandatorily redeemable capital securities (the capital securities) of a subsidiary trust hold solely junior subordinated debt securities of the Corporation (the debentures). The capital securities were issued in 2001 by a statutory business trust, Second Bancorp Capital Trust I, of which 100% of the common equity is owned by the Corporation. The trust was formed with the sole purpose of issuing the capital securities and investing the proceeds from the sale of such capital securities in the debentures. The debentures held by the trust are the sole assets of the trust. Distributions on the capital securities are payable quarterly at a per annum rate of 9%, which is equal to the interest rate being earned by the trust on the debentures and are recorded as interest expense of the Corporation. The capital securities are subject to mandatory redemption, in whole or in part, upon repayment of the debentures. The Corporation has entered into agreements which, taken collectively, fully or unconditionally guarantee the capital securities subject to the terms of the guarantees. The debentures are first redeemable, in whole or in part, by the Corporation on December 31, 2006 and mature on December 31, 2031.

At December 31, 2003, as a result of applying the provisions of FIN 46, which represents new accounting guidance governing when an equity interest should be consolidated, the Corporation was required to

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deconsolidate the subsidiary trust from its financial statements. The deconsolidation of the net assets and results of operations of the trust had virtually no impact on the Corporation's financial statements or liquidity position since the Corporation continues to be obligated to repay the debentures held by the trust and guarantees repayment of the capital securities issued by the trust. The consolidated debt obligation related to the trust increased from \$30,495 million to \$31,537 million upon deconsolidation with the difference representing the Corporation's common ownership interest in the trust.

The capital securities held by the trust continue to qualify as Tier I capital for the Corporation under Federal Reserve Board guidelines. As a result of the issuance of FIN 46, the Federal Reserve Board is currently evaluating whether deconsolidation of the trust will affect the qualification of the capital securities as Tier I capital. If in the future it is determined that the capital securities can no longer qualify as Tier I capital, the effect of such a change would reduce the Tier I capital ratios by approximately 2.1% and the leverage ratios by approximately 1.5%.

**18. Shareholders' Equity**

In 2000, the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to 2% of shares outstanding annually. Additionally, in 2000 and 2002, the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of an additional 600,000 and 500,000 shares, respectively. The following table depicts treasury repurchase activity for the past three years:

	<u>Number of Shares</u>
Balance 12/31/00	730,200
Repurchased 2001	153,294
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Balance 12/31/01	883,494
Repurchased 2002	395,515
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Balance 12/31/02	1,279,009
Net repurchased 2003	241,080
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<b>Balance 12/31/03</b>	<b>1,520,089</b>
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**Regulatory Restrictions and Capital Ratios**

Dividends are paid by the Corporation from its assets, which are mainly provided by dividends from the Bank. However, certain restrictions exist regarding the ability of the Bank to transfer funds to the Corporation in the form of cash dividends, loans or advances. The approval of the Comptroller of the Currency is required to pay dividends in excess of the Bank's earnings retained in the current year plus retained net profits from the preceding two years. As of December 31, 2003, the Bank had retained earnings of \$96,351, of which \$7,475 was available for distribution to the Corporation as dividends without prior regulatory approval. Regulatory approval was received in 2002 to provide a \$21 million special dividend that was utilized to facilitate a capital conversion at the subsidiary Bank level.

The Corporation and the Bank are subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the federal banking agencies. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory and possibly additional discretionary actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on the Corporation's and the Bank's financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, the Corporation and the Bank must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of the bank's assets, liabilities and certain off-balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. The Corporation's and the Bank's capital amounts and classification are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk weightings and other factors.

Quantitative measures established by regulation to ensure capital adequacy require the Corporation and the Bank to maintain minimum amounts and ratios (set forth in the table below) of total and Tier I capital (as defined by the regulations) to risk-weighted assets (as defined), and of Tier I capital (as defined) to average assets (as defined). Management believes, as of December 31, 2003, that the Corporation and the Bank meet all capital adequacy requirements to which it is subject.

As discussed in Note 17, the capital securities held by Second Bancorp Capital Trust I qualify as Tier I capital for the Corporation under Federal Reserve Board guidelines. As a result of the issuance of Fin 46,



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the Federal Reserve Board is currently evaluating whether deconsolidation of the trust will affect the qualification of the capital securities as Tier I capital. If in the future it is determined that the capital securities can no longer qualify as Tier I capital, the effect of such a change would reduce the Tier I capital ratios by approximately 2.1% and the leverage ratios by approximately 1.5%.

As of December 31, 2003 and 2002, the most recent notification from the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency categorized the Bank as well capitalized under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action. To be categorized as well capitalized the Bank must maintain minimum total risk-based, Tier I risk-based and Tier I leverage ratios as set forth in the table. There are no conditions or events since that notification that Management believes have changed the Bank's category.

The consolidated Corporation's and the subsidiary Bank's actual capital amounts and ratios are presented in the table.

	Actual		For Capital Adequacy Purposes		To Be Well-Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
<b>As of December 31, 2003:</b>						
Total capital (to risk-weighted assets):						
Second Bancorp	\$ 164,607	11.4%	≥\$ 115,122	≥8.0%	N/A	N/A
Second National Bank	169,089	11.8	≥115,041	≥8.0	≥\$ 143,801	≥10.0%
Tier I capital (to risk-weighted assets):						
Second Bancorp	146,608	10.2	≥57,561	≥4.0	N/A	N/A
Second National Bank	151,103	10.5	≥57,520	≥4.0	≥86,280	≥6.0
Tier I leverage:						
Second Bancorp	146,608	7.1	≥82,833	≥4.0	N/A	N/A
Second National Bank	151,103	7.3	≥82,774	≥4.0	≥103,468	≥5.0
<b>As of December 31, 2002:</b>						
Total capital (to risk-weighted assets):						
Second Bancorp	\$ 154,464	12.2%	≥\$ 101,689	≥8.0%	N/A	N/A
Second National Bank	159,419	12.7	≥100,299	≥8.0	≥\$ 125,375	≥10.0%
Tier I capital (to risk-weighted assets):						
Second Bancorp	138,554	10.9	≥50,845	≥4.0	N/A	N/A
Second National Bank	143,723	11.5	≥50,150	≥4.0	≥75,224	≥6.0
Tier I leverage:						
Second Bancorp	138,554	7.7	≥72,164	≥4.0	N/A	N/A
Second National Bank	143,723	8.2	≥70,235	≥4.0	≥87,794	≥5.0

**19. Earnings Per Share**

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share:

	2003	2002	2001
Numerator for basic and diluted earnings per share:			
Net income	\$ 23,155	\$ 18,000	\$ 17,080
Denominator:			
Denominator for basic earnings per share-weighted average shares	9,512,324	9,905,832	10,013,068
Effect of dilutive securities:			
Employee stock options	111,064	134,169	66,937
	<b>9,623,388</b>	10,040,001	10,080,005

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Denominator for diluted earnings per share - adjusted weighted average shares

Basic earnings per share	\$ <b>2.43</b>	\$ 1.82	\$ 1.71
Diluted earnings per share	\$ <b>2.41</b>	\$ 1.79	\$ 1.69

Excluding the effect of the accounting change associated with the transition adjustment related to the adoption of SFAS No. 133, net income in 2001 was \$17,181 resulting in basic and diluted earnings per share of \$1.72 and \$1.70, respectively.

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The Corporation's federal income tax provision in the accompanying statements of income differs from the statutory rate as follows:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Statutory rate	35%	35%	35%
Income before federal income taxes (1)	\$ 32,065	\$ 24,230	\$ 23,061
Tax at statutory rate	\$ 11,223	\$ 8,481	\$ 8,071
Non-taxable interest	(1,285)	(1,350)	(1,480)
Increase in cash surrender value - life insurance	(582)	(573)	(545)
Disallowed interest expense	133	163	245
Other items, net	(579)	(491)	(411)
	<u>\$ 8,910</u>	<u>\$ 6,230</u>	<u>\$ 5,880</u>

- (1) Excludes the cumulative effect adjustment of accounting change for SFAS No. 133 for 2001. The pre-tax amount was \$(155) with a tax benefit of \$54.

Significant components of the Corporation's deferred tax assets and liabilities as of December 31 are as follows:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Deferred tax assets:		
Provision for loan losses	\$ 6,525	\$ 6,017
Non-accrual interest	947	633
Valuation allowance mortgage servicing assets	838	1,328
Banking center reconfiguration expense	649	719
SFAS No. 115 adjustment	317	
Other	498	1,439
	<u>9,774</u>	<u>10,136</u>
Total deferred tax assets		
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Capitalized mortgage servicing assets	7,924	5,358
SFAS No. 115 adjustment		4,209
FHLB dividends	2,928	2,619
Pension expense	1,187	
Goodwill and intangible amortization	555	693
Other	1,351	524
	<u>13,945</u>	<u>13,403</u>
Total deferred tax liabilities		
Net deferred tax liability	<u>\$ (4,171)</u>	<u>\$ (3,267)</u>

**21. Employee Benefit Plans**

The Corporation has a non-contributory, defined-benefit pension plan covering substantially all of its employees. The benefits are based on a percentage of the employee's average annual earnings multiplied by completed years of continuous service. The Corporation's funding policy is to contribute annually an amount between the minimum required and the maximum amount that can be deducted for federal income tax purposes. The Corporation expects to contribute \$0 to the plan during 2004. Contributions are intended to provide not only for benefits attributed to service to date but also for those expected to be earned in the future. The Corporation also has supplemental retirement deferred benefit plans for certain employees, which provide benefits in excess of the defined benefit plan. The Corporation uses a December 31 measurement date for its plans.





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<b>Obligations and Funded Status</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Change in benefit obligation:</b>		
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	<b>\$ 13,701</b>	\$ 10,762
Service cost	<b>1,381</b>	901
Interest cost	<b>996</b>	802
Amendments	<b>707</b>	
Actuarial loss	<b>2,100</b>	1,582
Disbursements	<b>(366)</b>	(346)
	<b>18,519</b>	13,701
<b>Change in plan assets:</b>		
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	<b>\$ 8,343</b>	\$ 9,593
Actual return on plan assets	<b>934</b>	(990)
Employer contribution	<b>6,186</b>	86
Disbursements	<b>(366)</b>	(346)
	<b>15,097</b>	8,343
<b>Reconciliation of funded status:</b>		
Funded status	<b>\$ (3,422)</b>	\$ (5,358)
Unrecognized net actuarial loss	<b>6,130</b>	3,989
Unrecognized prior service cost	<b>720</b>	14
Unrecognized initial net obligation		(6)
	<b>3,428</b>	(1,361)
<b>Amounts recognized in the statement of financial position:</b>		
Prepaid pension cost	<b>\$ 4,367</b>	\$
Accrued pension liability	<b>(1,165)</b>	(3,021)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	<b>226</b>	1,660
	<b>3,428</b>	(1,361)
Accumulated benefit obligation	<b>\$ 15,668</b>	\$ 11,321

<b>Components of net periodic benefit cost</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
Service cost	<b>\$ 1,381</b>	\$ 901	\$ 727
Interest cost	<b>996</b>	802	694
Expected return on plan assets	<b>(1,051)</b>	(1,076)	(1,008)
Amortization of prior service cost	<b>1</b>	1	6
Amortization of initial net asset	<b>(6)</b>	(22)	(21)
Recognized net actuarial loss (gain)	<b>76</b>	10	(109)
Net periodic benefit cost	<b>\$ 1,397</b>	\$ 616	\$ 289

<b>Additional information</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
Increase in minimum liability included in other comprehensive income	<b>\$ 30</b>	\$ 1,502

Assumptions	2003	2002
Weighted-average assumptions used to determine benefit obligation at December 31:		
Discount rate	6.25%	6.75%
Rate of compensation increase	Age-graded	Age-graded
Weighted-average assumptions used to determine net periodic benefit cost for the years ended December 31:		
Discount rate	6.75%	6.75%
Expected return on plan assets	8.75%	9.75%
Rate of compensation increase	Age-graded	Age-graded

The expected return on plan assets is derived from expected long-term performance of each major asset investment category. The returns are validated by a retrospective computation of actual long-term returns on plan assets.

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The Corporation's pension plan weighted average asset allocations at December 31, 2003 and 2002, by asset category are as follows:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Equity securities	39%	43%
Debt securities	16	27
Real estate		
Other	45	30
	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
Total	100%	100%
	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>

Equity securities include the Corporation's common stock in the amounts of \$442 (2.9% of total plan assets) and \$444 (5.3% of total plan assets) at December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Other plan assets include temporary investments and cash.

Plan assets are managed with those assets being balanced between stocks, fixed-income and cash equivalents. Typical asset allocation is 60% equity and 40% fixed income and cash. A \$6,100 contribution in fourth quarter 2003 plus several bond calls temporarily elevated the cash allocation. It is being gradually reduced and reallocated as market opportunities permit. Equities are broadly diversified among 10 industry groups in the S & P 500. The objective is to achieve long-term total return relative to the S & P 500 commensurate with risk. Fixed-income assets are to be diversified among issuers as well as to the length of maturities. Bonds should be rated A or better at the time of purchase.

The projected benefit obligation, accumulated benefit obligation and fair value of plan assets for the nonqualified pension plan with accumulated benefit obligations in excess of plan assets were \$17,372, \$14,649 and \$15,097, respectively, as of December 31, 2003, and \$12,741, \$10,465 and \$8,343, respectively, as of December 31, 2002. The actual return on plan assets in 2003 represented a 11.2% increase in the fair value of plan assets.

The Corporation also maintains two nonqualified supplemental retirement plans for certain key employees. The plans' benefits are unfunded and any payments to the plan participants are made by the Corporation. The projected benefit obligation, accumulated benefit obligations and fair value of plan assets for the nonqualified pension plan with accumulated benefits obligations in excess of plan assets were \$1,146, \$1,019, and \$0, respectively, as of December 31, 2003, and \$960, \$856, and \$0, respectively, as of December 31, 2002. For the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, expenses related to these plans were \$86, \$149 and \$95, respectively.

The Bank also sponsors a defined contribution benefit plan covering substantially all eligible employees of the Bank. The Bank voluntarily contributes 75% of the participants' contribution to a maximum of 4.5% of the participants' compensation. Participants, at their discretion, may invest in several investment funds or a stock fund consisting solely of the Corporation's common stock. The Bank's contribution is initially limited to the stock fund; however participants may choose to reallocate the investments at any time. Contributions in 2003, 2002 and 2001 were \$691, \$626 and \$524, respectively. The Board of Directors of the Corporation has authorized the issuance of 99,000 shares of the Corporation's common stock for use in the Bank's defined contribution benefit plan. As of December 31, 2003, none of the shares authorized have been issued.

**22. Stock Options and Awards****Stock Options**

The Corporation maintains incentive and non-qualified stock option plans that allow for stock based awards to eligible employees and directors. Through February 1998, the Corporation issued incentive stock options that were exercisable in one year after issuance and expire after ten years. The maximum annual grant was 7,500 shares per employee. The plan was terminated in May 1998 when the non-qualified stock option plan was approved. In 1998, the non-qualified plan authorized 650,000 shares of common stock to be reserved and subject to issuance. In April 2002, the plan was amended with shareholder approval to increase by 450,000 the number of authorized shares. Until January 2001, the maximum annual grant was 10,000 shares per employee and 1,000 shares per director. After this date,

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the awards had no maximum. The options granted under the non-qualified plan are exercisable one year after issuance and expire after ten years.

In April 2003, an Equity Ownership Plan was approved by shareholders. The plan replaced both the non-qualified plan and the restricted stock plan. The plan allows for the granting of a variety of awards including incentive stock options, non-qualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted shares, deferred issuance performance shares, phantom shares and stock awards. The maximum number of shares that can be granted under the plan is 1,000,000. There were 223,360 shares issued during 2003 under the plan (165,000 non-qualified stock options, 14,360 restricted shares and 44,000 deferred issuance performance shares). Of the 165,000 non-qualified stock options granted in 2003, 156,000 vest in one year and expire in 10 years, 4,500 vest in 18 months and expire in 10 years and 4,500 vest in 36 months and expire in 10 years.

The weighted-average fair value of the options granted during 2003, 2002 and 2001 was \$5.41, \$5.38 and \$3.85, respectively. The fair value for these options was estimated at the date of grant using a Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Risk-free interest rate	3.0%	3.0%	4.0%
Dividend yield	3.0%-3.25%	3.0%	3.0%
Volatility factor of expected market price of Corporations common stock	.289-.290	.289	.302
Weighted-average expected life	6 years	6 years	6 years

The Black-Scholes option valuation model was developed for use in estimating the fair value of traded options, which have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. In addition, option valuation models require the input of highly subjective assumptions including the expected stock price volatility.

Because the Corporation's employee stock options have characteristics significantly different from those of traded options, and because changes in the subjective input assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate, in Management's opinion, the existing models do not necessarily provide a reliable single measure of the fair value of its employee stock options.

A summary of stock option activity is as follows:

	<u>Number of Shares</u>	<u>Option Price Per Share</u>	<u>Total</u>
Outstanding at December 31, 2000	396,200	\$ 7.33-\$25.44	\$ 7,690
Granted	197,500	14.44-20.19	2,943
Forfeited	(5,500)	22.13-25.44	(125)
Exercised	(47,500)	7.33-13.66	(540)
Outstanding at December 31, 2001	540,700	10.58-25.44	9,968
Granted	167,000	23.27-26.32	3,928
Exercised	(127,300)	10.56-22.72	(1,795)
Outstanding at December 31, 2002	580,400	13.44-26.32	12,101
Granted	165,000	22.90-25.15	4,012
Forfeited	(5,000)	14.88-26.32	(108)
Exercised	(54,700)	13.44-23.27	(1,077)
Outstanding at December 31, 2003	685,700	\$ 13.44-\$26.32	\$ 14,928
Exercisable at December 31, 2003	520,700	\$ 13.44-\$26.32	\$ 10,916



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Information about stock options outstanding at December 31, 2003 follows:

<b>Range of Exercise Prices</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>Weighted- Average Exercise Price</b>	<b>Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Life (in years)</b>	<b>Exercisable</b>	<b>Weighted Average Exercise Price</b>
\$13.44-\$14.99	141,500	\$ 14.24	6.8	141,500	\$ 14.24
19.00-22.99	140,100	22.32	5.6	127,100	22.27
23.00-26.32	404,100	24.21	7.7	252,100	24.08
Total	685,700	\$21.77	7.1	520,700	\$20.96

**Restricted Stock Awards**

Until April 2003, the Corporation utilized a restricted stock plan that provided for the issuance of up to 50,000 shares of common stock to key employees. In April 2003, the shareholders approved an Equity Ownership Plan that replaced the restricted stock plan but allowed for the issuance of restricted shares. The restriction expires after five years and the Corporation recognizes expense over the restricted period. Compensation expense recognized in 2003, 2002 and 2001 totaled \$156, \$104 and \$72, respectively.

A summary of restricted stock activity is as follows:

	<b>Number of Shares</b>	<b>Price Per Share</b>	<b>Value</b>
Outstanding at December 31, 2001	21,460	\$ 16.38-\$32.63	\$ 399
Granted	6,120	20.56-27.10	150
Outstanding at December 31, 2002	27,580	16.38-32.63	549
Granted	14,360	22.90-25.15	359
Vested	(1,050)	16.38-32.63	(29)
Forfeited	(500)	23.26	(12)
Outstanding at December 31, 2003	40,390	\$ 16.38-\$27.10	\$ 867

**Deferred Issuance Performance Shares**

Performance shares are shares of Corporation common stock that are earned over a stated period of time upon the attainment or fulfillment of predetermined performance goals.

There were 44,000 performance shares awarded in 2003 of which 22,000 shares related to the attainment of performance goals for 2003 and another 22,000 shares related to performance goals for 2005. The 2003 goals were not attained and the 22,000 shares relating to 2003 were forfeited.

**Table of Contents****23. Parent Company**

Condensed financial information of Second Bancorp Incorporated (Parent Company only) is as follows:

**Condensed Balance Sheets**

December 31	2003	2002
<b>Assets:</b>		
Cash	\$ 2,385	\$ 486
Available-for-sale securities	450	1,011
Loans		557
Investment in and advances to subsidiaries, at equity in underlying value of their net assets	171,773	172,142
Fixed assets	2	3
Other assets	3,677	2,886
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 178,287</u>	<u>\$ 177,085</u>
<b>Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity:</b>		
Accrued and other liabilities	\$ 1,984	\$ 2,266
Note payable	7,750	7,000
Subordinated debentures	31,537	31,485
<b>Shareholders' Equity:</b>		
Common stock, no par value; 30,000,000 shares authorized; 10,991,460 and 11,041,263 shares issued, respectively	42,973	41,763
Treasury stock; 1,520,089, and 1,279,009 shares, respectively	(36,173)	(27,180)
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income	(834)	6,656
Retained earnings	131,050	115,095
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u>\$ 178,287</u>	<u>\$ 177,085</u>

**Condensed Statements of Income**

Years ended December 31	2003	2002	2001
<b>Income:</b>			
Cash dividends from subsidiaries	\$ 17,730	\$ 30,790	\$ 8,150
Interest income	73	99	161
Trading account losses			(10)
Gains (losses) on sale of securities	216	(56)	37
Other income	435	169	
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total income	18,454	31,002	8,338
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Interest expense	3,235	3,060	796
Merger costs		134	305
Other expenses	1,544	966	962
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total expenses	4,779	4,160	2,063
Income before income taxes and equity in undistributed earnings of subsidiaries	13,675	26,842	6,275
Income tax benefit	1,400	1,403	739

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Income before and equity in undistributed earnings of subsidiaries	<u>15,075</u>	<u>28,245</u>	<u>7,014</u>
Equity in undistributed income (loss) of subsidiaries	<u>8,080</u>	<u>(10,245)</u>	<u>10,066</u>
Net income	<u>\$23,155</u>	<u>\$ 18,000</u>	<u>\$17,080</u>



**Table of Contents****Condensed Statements of Cash Flows**

Years ended December 31	2003	2002	2001
<b>Operating Activities:</b>			
Net income	\$ 23,155	\$ 18,000	\$ 17,080
Less: Equity in undistributed net (income) loss of subsidiary	(8,080)	10,245	(10,066)
Depreciation	1	1	2
Net decrease (increase) in trading account securities			328
(Gain) loss on sale of securities	(216)	55	(37)
Donation of securities to foundation		75	
Gain on disposal of loans, equipment and other assets	(435)	(169)	
Amortization of debt issuance costs	52	53	13
Impairment loss on security	44		
Other (net)	(72)	(128)	(25)
	<u>14,449</u>	<u>28,132</u>	<u>7,295</u>
<b>Investing Activities:</b>			
Sale of loan	979		
Net decrease in loans	13	29	26
Sale of securities	799		417
Purchase of securities	(97)	(55)	
Acquisition of subsidiaries		(1,979)	(26,926)
Investment in subsidiaries	(11)	(21,000)	(990)
Sale of other assets		319	
	<u>1,683</u>	<u>(22,686)</u>	<u>(27,473)</u>
<b>Financing Activities:</b>			
Issuance of note payable	750	7,000	
Repayment of note payable			(1,000)
Issuance of subordinated debentures to non- bank subsidiary			31,419
Net issuance of common stock	1,210	4,310	518
Purchase of treasury stock	(8,993)	(10,382)	(2,851)
Payment of dividend	(7,200)	(7,115)	(6,798)
	<u>(14,233)</u>	<u>(6,187)</u>	<u>21,288</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash	1,899	(741)	1,110
Cash at beginning of year	486	1,227	117
	<u>\$ 2,385</u>	<u>\$ 486</u>	<u>\$ 1,227</u>

**24. Derivative Instruments**

The Corporation uses derivative instruments primarily to protect against the risk of interest rate movements on the value of certain assets and liabilities and on future cash flows. Derivative instruments represent contracts between parties that usually require little or no initial net investment and result in one party delivering cash or another type of asset to the other party based on a notional amount and underlying as specified in the contract. A notional amount represents the number of units of a specific item, such as currency units. An underlying represents a variable, such as an interest rate or price index. The amount of cash or other asset delivered from one party to the other is determined based on the interaction of the notional amount of the contract with the underlying. Derivatives are also implicit in certain contracts and commitments.

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The Corporation's primary market risk is interest rate risk. Management periodically uses derivative instruments to protect against the risk of interest rate movements on the value of certain assets and liabilities and on future cash flows. These instruments primarily include interest rate swaps and interest rate caps and floors with indices that relate to the pricing of specific assets and liabilities. The nature and volume of the derivative instruments used to manage interest rate risk depend on the level and type of assets and liabilities on the balance sheet and the risk management strategies for the current and anticipated rate environment.

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On January 1, 2001, the Corporation adopted SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, which requires all derivative instruments to be carried at fair value on the balance sheet. As a result of adopting the new standard, the Corporation recorded amounts establishing the fair values of the derivatives and hedged items on the balance sheet. A pre-tax transition loss of \$155, or \$101 after tax, was recorded in the income statement net of tax as a cumulative effect of accounting change to establish the fair value hedge relationships. Prior to 2001, unrealized gains and losses on derivatives used for hedging purposes were generally not required to be reported in the financial statements. In order to reduce the earnings volatility that would result from having to recognize in earnings the fair value of certain derivative instruments used to hedge risks associated with financial instruments carried at fair value, SFAS No. 133 provides special hedge accounting provisions. The provisions permit the change in the fair value of the hedged item related to the risk being hedged to be recognized in earnings in the same period and in the same income statement line as the change in fair value of the derivatives in interest income on commercial loans and interest expense on FHLB advances. The Corporation usually designates derivative instruments used to manage interest rate risk into SFAS No. 133 hedge relationships with specific assets, liabilities or cash flows being hedged.

As with any financial instrument, derivative instruments have inherent risks. Market risk is the adverse effect a change in interest rates, currency or implied volatility has on the value of a financial instrument. The risk is periodically measured as part of the Corporation's overall market risk monitoring process, which includes the use of earnings simulation and net present value estimation.

Credit risk is the risk that a counter party to a derivative contract with an unrealized gain fails to perform according to the terms of the agreement. Credit risk is managed by limiting the aggregate amount of net unrealized gains in agreements outstanding and monitoring the size and the maturity structure of the derivative portfolio.

**Fair Value Hedges**

During 2003, the Corporation utilized pay-fixed interest rate swaps for commercial loans for changes in interest rates. The swaps have a \$1.9 million notional amount with a \$(85) fair market value as of December 31, 2003 with no net ineffectiveness hedge gain or loss. As of December 31, 2002, the swap had a fair market value of \$(258). Previously, the Corporation utilized interest rate caps to mitigate the risk of increased borrowing costs associated with convertible features of certain FHLB advances. The caps were terminated during 2001 with no impact on future year's earnings and \$72 in expense recognized in 2001.

**Cash Flow Hedges**

During 2003 and 2001, the Corporation hedged cash flow variability related to floating rate loans. In 2003 and 2001, the Corporation used interest rate swaps and interest rate floors, respectively to mitigate the risk of a decline in interest receipts on floating rate loans due to a decline in the Bank's prime rate. In 2003, the Corporation recognized \$615 in income from the effectiveness of the \$100 million notional interest rate swaps. During 2001, the Corporation recognized \$217 in income from the effectiveness of the floors with an additional \$390 to be amortized into income over the remaining term of the floors, which was generated when the floors were terminated during 2001.

**Other Derivatives**

During 2003, the Corporation utilized a variety of derivative instruments, including forward purchase commitments for mortgage and treasury securities (to be announced or TBA securities), options on those securities, interest rate swaps and swaptions, to mitigate the risk of changes in the valuation of mortgage servicing assets. During 2003, the Corporation recognized \$2,694 in losses from the derivatives. At December 31, 2003, the Corporation had derivatives with \$410,000 in notional value and a value of \$492. During 2002, the Corporation utilized interest rate floors to mitigate the risk of changes in the valuation of mortgage servicing assets. At December 31, 2002, the floors had a fair value of \$375 based on a \$300 million notional value and a remaining life of 1.9 years. The Corporation also recognized \$58 loss from the floors in 2003. The Corporation also has ineffective pay-fixed interest rate swaps with a notional value of \$2.2 million for commercial loans changes in interest rates. The Corporation recognized \$32 in income from these swaps in 2003.

**Table of Contents****25. Commitments and Contingent Liabilities****Loan Commitments**

Loan commitments are made to accommodate the financial needs of the Bank's customers; however, there are no long-term, fixed-rate loan commitments that result in market risk. Standby letters of credit commit the Bank to make payments on behalf of customers when certain specified future events occur. They primarily are issued to facilitate customers' trade transactions.

Both arrangements have credit risk, essentially the same as that involved in extending loans to customers, and are subject to the Bank's normal credit policies. Collateral (e.g., securities, receivables, inventory and equipment) is obtained based on Management's credit assessment of the customer.

The Bank's maximum obligation to extend credit for loan commitments (unfunded loans and unused lines of credit) and standby letters of credit outstanding on December 31 was as follows:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Commercial	<b>\$158,240</b>	\$162,892
Real Estate	<b>34,376</b>	32,231
Consumer	<b>88,243</b>	68,967
Standby Letters of Credit	<b>22,425</b>	18,020
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total	<b>\$303,284</b>	\$282,110
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

The Corporation also enters into mortgage loan interest rate lock commitments related to loans held for sale in connection with residential mortgage loan applications. At December 31, 2003 and 2002, the Corporation had approximately \$80 million and \$220 million of these commitments outstanding, respectively. Refer to the section entitled Loan Commitments within Note 3, Recent Accounting Pronouncements, for further discussion.

**Lease Agreements**

The Bank has entered into lease agreements covering its main office, several branch locations and equipment for various periods through 2014, with options to renew. Also, the Bank has the option to purchase the main office facility before two optional periods at the fair market value in existence at that time.

Future minimum commitments under non-cancelable operating leases are as follows:

2004	\$2,589
2005	2,553
2006	2,416
2007	2,225
2008	1,414
Thereafter	5,857
	<u>          </u>

Included in the schedule above are costs totaling \$197, \$155, \$155, \$155, \$155 and \$596, respectively, for the years shown that were expensed in 2002, due to the banking center reconfiguration strategy that included closure and consolidation of several facilities.

Rentals under operating leases and data processing costs amounted to \$3,593, \$3,362 and \$3,214 in 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

**Low Income Housing Project**

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In 1993, the Bank began investing in low-income housing tax credit projects designed to provide affordable housing for Ohio communities. The Bank has invested \$2,317 to date and is realizing tax credits and tax savings from the investments. The Bank is committed to invest another \$4,683 to the fund over the next several years.

**Table of Contents****Commitments**

The following table details the amounts and expected maturities of significant commitments as of December 31, 2003.

Expiration by period	Amount of commitment				Total
	1 year or Less	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	Over 5 Years	
Commitments to lend-commercial	\$ 126,753	\$ 29,788	\$ 1,699	\$	\$ 158,240
Commitments to lend-residential real estate	34,376				34,376
Commitments to lend-consumer	88,243				88,243
Standby letters of credit	16,914	64	5,185	262	22,425
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 266,286</b>	<b>\$ 29,852</b>	<b>\$ 6,884</b>	<b>\$ 262</b>	<b>\$ 303,284</b>

There are no recourse provisions with third parties or balances recorded for the standby letters of credit at December 31, 2003.

**26. Line of Business Reporting**

Management began using line of business reporting on January 1, 2002. The Corporation operates three major lines of business: Retail, Commercial and Mortgage.

Retail includes deposit gathering, direct and indirect consumer lending along with a minor amount of small business banking services. Commercial includes credit and related financial services to small- to large- sized corporations and businesses. Mortgage includes mortgage banking activities, including the ownership, origination, sale and servicing of mortgages.

The business units are identified by the product or services offered and the channel through which the product or service is delivered. The accounting policies of the individual business units are the same as those for the Corporation.

The reported results reflect the underlying economics of the businesses. Expenses for centrally provided services are allocated based upon estimated usage of those services. The business units' assets and liabilities are matched-funded and interest rate risk is centrally managed. Transactions between business units are primarily conducted at fair value, resulting in gains or losses that are eliminated for reporting consolidated results of operations.

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Parent and other are primarily comprised of the results of the investment funding activities, inter-segment revenue (expense) eliminations and unallocated corporate income and expense. Operating results of the business units are discussed in the Results of Operations section of Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. Selected financial information by line of business is included in the table below:

<b>Year Ended December 31, 2003</b>	<b>Mortgage</b>	<b>Commercial</b>	<b>Retail</b>	<b>Parent And Other</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
Interest income	\$ 18,319	\$ 29,691	\$ 25,974	\$ 26,962	\$ 100,946
Interest expense			(18,310)	(28,381)	(46,691)
Transfer pricing	(11,023)	(12,695)	24,931	(1,213)	
Loan fees	530	899	221	(34)	1,616
Net interest margin	7,826	17,895	32,816	(2,666)	55,871
Provision for loan losses	(114)	(4,812)	(2,684)		(7,610)
Non-interest income	13,318	2,020	14,511	8,718	38,567
Non-interest expense-direct	(5,931)	(6,400)	(17,357)	(25,075)	(54,763)
Direct contribution	15,099	8,703	27,286	(19,023)	32,065
Allocations	(2,939)	(749)	(12,692)	16,380	
Income before taxes	12,160	7,954	14,594	(2,643)	32,065
Income taxes				8,910	8,910
Net income	\$ 12,160	\$ 7,954	\$ 14,594	\$ (11,553)	\$ 23,155
Average assets	\$322,843	\$527,023	\$413,563	\$706,241	\$1,969,670

<b>Year Ended December 31, 2002</b>	<b>Mortgage</b>	<b>Commercial</b>	<b>Retail</b>	<b>Parent And Other</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
Interest income	\$ 19,770	\$ 31,645	\$ 27,116	\$ 26,797	\$ 105,328
Interest expense			(30,028)	(20,784)	(50,812)
Transfer pricing	(14,053)	(17,970)	32,111	(88)	
Loan fees	175	1,347	458	(36)	1,944
Net interest margin	5,892	15,022	29,657	5,889	56,460
Provision for loan losses	(345)	(2,560)	(3,254)		(6,159)
Non-interest income	6,481	1,749	9,095	6,100	23,425
Non-interest expense-direct	(3,138)	(4,218)	(17,419)	(24,721)	(49,496)
Direct contribution	8,890	9,993	18,079	(12,732)	24,230
Allocations	(2,633)	(742)	(16,352)	19,727	
Income before taxes	6,257	9,251	1,727	6,995	24,230
Income taxes				(6,230)	(6,230)
Net income	\$ 6,257	\$ 9,251	\$ 1,727	\$ 765	\$ 18,000
Average assets	\$302,551	\$470,144	\$368,990	\$612,471	\$1,754,156





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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

**To the Shareholders and Board of Directors of Second Bancorp Incorporated:**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Second Bancorp Incorporated and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the related consolidated statements of income, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2003. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Corporation's Management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by Management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Second Bancorp Incorporated and subsidiaries at December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2003, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Cleveland, Ohio  
February 6, 2004

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**REPORT OF MANAGEMENT**

**Financial Statements**

Management of The Second National Bank of Warren (the Bank) is responsible for the preparation, integrity, and fair presentation of its published financial statements as of December 31, 2003 and the year then ended (as included in the 2003 consolidated financial statements of Second Bancorp Incorporated and the Bank's December 31, 2003 Call Report). The financial statements of the Bank have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and, as such, include some amounts that are based on judgments and estimates of Management.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting as it relates to the Bank's financial statements presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council instructions for Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income (call report instructions). Internal control is designed to provide reasonable assurance to the Bank's Management and Board of Directors regarding the preparation of reliable published financial statements. Internal control over financial reporting includes monitoring mechanisms, and actions are taken to correct deficiencies as they are identified.

Because of inherent limitations in any internal control, no matter how well designed, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention or overriding of controls. Accordingly, even effective internal control over financial reporting can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation. Further, because of changes in conditions, the effectiveness of internal control may vary over time.

Management assessed the Bank's internal control over financial reporting presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and call report instructions as of December 31, 2003. This assessment was based on criteria for effective internal control over financial reporting described in "Internal Control-Integrated Framework" issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on this assessment, Management believes The Second National Bank of Warren maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as it relates to financial statements presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and call report instructions as of December 31, 2003 based on the specified criteria.

**Compliance with Laws and Regulations**

Management is also responsible for compliance with the federal and state laws and regulations concerning dividend restrictions and federal laws and regulations concerning loans to insiders designated by the FDIC as safety and soundness laws and regulations.

Management assessed compliance by The Second National Bank of Warren with the designated laws and regulations relating to safety and soundness. Based on this assessment, Management believes that the Bank complied, in all significant respects, with the designated laws and regulations related to safety and soundness for the year ended December 31, 2003.

R. L. (Rick) Blossom  
President and Chief Executive Officer

David L. Kellerman  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Warren, Ohio  
February 6, 2004

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**Item 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

Not Applicable.

**Item 9 A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

The Management of Second Bancorp Incorporated is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective disclosure controls and procedures, as defined under Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. As of December 31, 2003, an evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Corporation's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that such disclosure controls and procedures as of December 31, 2003 were effective in ensuring that material information relating to the Corporation and its subsidiaries is made known to them, particularly during the period for which our periodic reports, including this Annual Report on Form 10-K, are being prepared.

Management's responsibilities related to establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures include maintaining effective internal controls over financial reporting that are designed to produce reliable financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. As disclosed in the Report of Management on page 73 of this Annual Report, management assessed Second Bancorp's system of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2003, in relation to criteria for effective internal control over financial reporting as described in Internal Control - Integrated Framework, issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on this assessment, management believes that, as of December 31, 2003, its system of internal control over financial reporting met those criteria.

Additionally, there were no significant changes in the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended December 31, 2003 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting.

**Table of Contents****PART III****Item 10. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT**

The Board of Directors, as provided in the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation and Regulations, has fixed the number of directors at ten (10). As further provided in the Articles of Incorporation of Second Bancorp, the Board of Directors is divided into two classes, each consisting of approximately one-half of the entire board. Directors serve staggered two-year terms so that directors of only one class are generally elected at each Annual Meeting. Each of the directors in Class I of the Board is currently serving a term through the date of the Corporation's 2005 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Each of the directors in Class II of the Board is currently serving a term through the date of the Corporation's 2004 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The Corporation intends to hold a 2004 Annual Meeting of Shareholders only if the proposed merger agreement with Sky Financial is terminated.

The names of the director of Second Bancorp in Class I and Class II, together with specific information about each of them, are as follows:

<b>Director</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Principal Occupation During the Past Five Years and Directorships</b>	<b>Director Since</b>
Cloyd J. Abruzzo	53	II	Private Investor. Former President and Chief Executive Officer of Stoneridge, Inc., a manufacturer of automobile components. Director of Second National Bank.	2003
David A. Allen, Jr.	63	I	Vice President for Enrollment Management, Hiram College. Former Dean, Kent State University - Trumbull Campus. Former Director of Trumbull Financial Corporation and the Trumbull Savings and Loan Company	1998
John A. Anderson	66	II	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, The Taylor-Winfield Corporation, Ravenna Manufacturing Company and Hubbparts, Inc. Director of Second National Bank.	1987
R. L. (Rick) Blossom	56	I	Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Second Bancorp and Second National Bank. Former Chief Executive Officer and Director of First National Bank of Southwestern Ohio and Senior Vice President and Chief Lending Officer of First Financial Bancorp.	1999
Lynette M. Cavalier	52	II	Vice President of Human Resources for FirstEnergy Service Company, an affiliate of FirstEnergy Corporation.	2002

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<b>Director</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Principal Occupation During the Past Five Years and Directorships</b>	<b>Director Since</b>				
Norman C. Harbert	70	I	Senior Chairman and Founder of The HAWK Corporation, owner of several manufacturing firms. Director of Second National Bank.	1987				
James R. Izant	45	II	Private Investor. Former Executive Vice President Secretary and director of Trumbull Financial Corporation and the Trumbull Savings and Loan Company.	1998				
Phyllis J. Izant	41	I	Private Investor. Former Development Associate for Leadership Gifts, Purdue University. Former Director of Trumbull Financial Corporation and the Trumbull Savings and Loan Company.	1998				
John L. Pogue	59	I	Member of Harrington, Hoppe & Mitchell, Ltd. (law firm).	1987				
					1.70	119,080	443	1.49
Total interest-bearing liabilities	765,505	1,699		0.89	663,294	1,132	0.68	
Noninterest-bearing deposits	158,216				95,306			
Other noninterest-bearing liabilities	9,877				7,661			
Total liabilities	933,598				766,261			
Total equity	96,090				88,778			
Total liabilities and equity	\$1,029,688				\$855,039			
Net interest income (taxable equivalent basis)		9,825				\$7,944		
		(318 )				(412 )		

Less: taxable equivalent adjustment				
Net interest income	\$ 9,507		\$7,532	
Interest rate spread		3.86 %		3.86 %
Net interest margin		4.05 %		3.97 %
Average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities		126.75 %		120.66 %

(1) Includes FHLB borrowings, federal funds purchased and repurchase agreements.

## FIRST SAVINGS FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

## PART I - ITEM 2

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND  
ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND  
RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

**Rate/Volume Analysis.** The following table sets forth the effects of changing rates and volumes on our net interest income on a tax equivalent basis for the three-month periods ended June 30, 2018 and 2017. The rate column shows the effects attributable to changes in rate (changes in rate multiplied by prior volume). The volume column shows the effects attributable to changes in volume (changes in volume multiplied by prior rate). The net column represents the sum of the prior columns. Changes attributable to changes in both rate and volume have been allocated proportionally based on the absolute dollar amounts of change in each.

	<b>Three Months Ended June 30, 2018</b>		
	<b>Compared to</b>		
	<b>Three Months Ended June 30, 2017</b>		
	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>		
	<b>Due to</b>		
	Rate	Volume	Net
		(In thousands)	
Interest income:			
Interest-bearing deposits with banks	\$ 53	\$ 16	\$ 69
Loans	307	1,646	1,953
Investment securities	18	301	319
Agency mortgage-backed securities	64	15	79
FRB and FHLB stock	(2 )	30	28
Total interest-earning assets	440	2,008	2,448
Interest expense:			
Deposits	374	159	533
Borrowings (1)	56	(22 )	34
Total interest-bearing liabilities	430	137	567
Net increase in net interest income (tax equivalent basis)	\$ 10	\$ 1,871	\$ 1,881

(1)Includes FHLB borrowings, federal funds purchased and repurchase agreements.

***Provision for Loan Losses.*** The provision for loan losses was \$266,000 for the three-month period ended June 30, 2018 compared to \$321,000, for the same period in 2017. The decrease in the provision for loans losses for 2018 as compared to the prior period was due primarily to a decrease in nonperforming loans. Gross loans increased approximately \$11.6 million for the three-month period ended June 30, 2018 compared to an increase of approximately \$15.6 million for the three-month period ended June 30, 2017.

The Company recognized net charge-offs of \$104,000 for the three-month period ended June 30, 2018 compared to net charge-offs of \$44,000 for the same period in 2017.



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**Noninterest Income.** Noninterest income increased \$1.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018 as compared to the same period in 2017. The increase was due primarily to increases in net gain on sales of loans guaranteed by the U.S. Small Business Administration ("SBA"), income from the Bank's tax credit investment entity and other income of \$620,000, \$340,000 and \$282,000, respectively. These increases were partially offset by a decrease in net gain on trading account securities of \$232,000. The net gain on sales of loans guaranteed by the SBA was \$1.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018 as compared to \$938,000 for the same period in 2017. The increase in other income is primarily attributable to increased servicing income on SBA-guaranteed loans of \$210,000. The net loss on trading account securities was \$48,000 for the three months ended June 30, 2018 as compared to a net gain of \$184,000 for the same period in 2017. The decrease in net gain (loss) on trading account securities is due to market volatility in the municipal bond sector during the periods. The Bank ceased its trading account securities activity as of June 30, 2018.

**Noninterest Expense.** Noninterest expense increased \$1.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018 as compared to the same period in 2017. The increase was due primarily to increases in compensation and benefits, occupancy and equipment, and other operating expenses of \$1.3 million, \$195,000 and \$237,000, respectively, which included the initial operating expenses of the secondary-market residential mortgage lending division, as provided in the table below.

	Compensation & Benefits	Occupancy & Equipment	Other Operating
	(In thousands)		
Increase	\$1,276	\$ 195	\$ 237
Less: Initial secondary-market residential mortgage division operating expenses	475	98	30
	\$801	\$ 97	\$ 207

The increase in compensation and benefits expense is attributable to the addition of new employees to support the growth of the Company, including its SBA and secondary-market residential mortgage lending activities,

compensation for the employees retained in the merger with FNBO, and normal salary and benefits adjustments. The increase in occupancy and equipment expense is primarily attributable to increases in repairs, maintenance and software licensing expenses.

***Income Tax Expense.*** The Company recognized income tax expense of \$696,000 for the three months ended June 30, 2018, for an effective tax rate of 15.9%, as compared to income tax expense of \$586,000, for an effective tax rate of 19.3%, for the same period in 2017. The decrease in the effective tax rate is due primarily to a reduction in the Company's statutory federal income tax rate from 34.0% to 24.5% as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act enacted in December 2017, and net income attributable to noncontrolling interests of \$571,000, which is pass-through income not subject to income tax at the entity level. The Company files federal income tax returns on a fiscal year basis, so in accordance with Internal Revenue Code regulations, the Company's federal income tax rate for the tax year ending September 30, 2018 is based on a blended rate of 24.5%.

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**Results of Operations for the Nine Months Ended June 30, 2018 and 2017**

**Overview.** The Company reported net income of \$8.2 million, or \$3.44 per diluted share, for the nine-month period ended June 30, 2018 compared to net income of \$7.0 million, or \$2.98 per diluted share, for the nine-month period ended June 30, 2017. The annualized return on average assets and average equity were 1.12% and 11.41%, respectively, for the nine-month period ended June 30, 2018. The annualized return on average assets and average equity were 1.12% and 10.70%, respectively, for the nine-month period ended June 30, 2017.

**Net Interest Income.** Net interest income increased \$4.6 million, or 21.1%, for the nine-month period ended June 30, 2018 as compared to the same period in 2017. Average interest-earning assets increased \$141.1 million and average interest-bearing liabilities increased \$92.5 million when comparing the two periods. The tax-equivalent net interest margin was 3.97% for 2018 compared to 3.95% for 2017.

Total interest income increased \$5.9 million, or 23.6%, when comparing the two periods due primarily to an increase in the average balance of interest-earning assets of \$141.1 million, from \$772.2 million for 2017 to \$913.3 million for 2018, and an increase in the average tax equivalent yield on interest-earning assets from 4.50% for 2017 to 4.63% for 2018. The majority of the increase in average interest-earning assets was attributable to loans, which increased \$120.1 million compared to 2017.

Total interest expense increased \$1.3 million, or 41.1%, due to an increase in the average balance of interest-bearing liabilities of \$92.5 million, from \$643.3 million for 2017 to \$735.8 million for 2018, and an increase in the average cost of interest-bearing liabilities from 0.66% for 2017 to 0.81% for 2018.



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**Average Balance Sheets.** The following table presents information regarding average balances of assets and liabilities, the total dollar amounts of interest income and dividends from average interest-earning assets, the total dollar amounts of interest expense on average interest-bearing liabilities, and the resulting annualized average yields and costs for the nine-month periods ended June 30, 2018 and 2017. The yields and costs for the periods indicated are derived by dividing income or expense by the average balances of assets or liabilities, respectively, for the periods presented. Average balances presented are daily averages. Nonaccrual loans are included in average balances only. Loan fees are included in interest income on loans and are not material. Tax exempt income on loans and investment securities have been adjusted to a tax equivalent basis using a federal marginal tax rate of 24.5% for 2018 and 34.0% for 2017.

	Nine Months Ended June 30, 2018			2017		
	<b>Average Balance</b>	<b>Interest and Dividends</b>	<b>Yield/ Cost</b>	<b>Average Balance</b>	<b>Interest and Dividends</b>	<b>Yield/ Cost</b>
	(Dollars in thousands)					
Assets:						
Interest-bearing deposits with banks	\$29,587	\$ 299	1.35 %	\$23,633	\$ 105	0.59 %
Loans	682,988	24,780	4.84	562,839	19,854	4.70
Investment securities	153,730	5,511	4.78	136,518	5,168	5.05
Agency mortgage-backed securities	37,936	746	2.62	42,251	678	2.14
FRB and FHLB stock	9,035	346	5.11	6,936	235	4.52
Total interest-earning assets	913,276	31,682	4.63	772,177	26,040	4.50
Noninterest-earning assets	55,800			57,111		
Total assets	\$969,076			\$829,288		
Liabilities and equity:						
NOW accounts	\$187,735	\$ 368	0.26 %	\$167,121	\$ 280	0.22 %

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Money market deposit accounts	82,474	351	0.57	63,155	131	0.28
Savings accounts	106,563	61	0.08	87,805	46	0.07
Time deposits	227,783	2,111	1.24	209,393	1,473	0.94
Total interest-bearing deposits	604,555	2,891	0.64	527,474	1,930	0.49
Borrowings (1)	131,273	1,604	1.63	115,799	1,256	1.45
Total interest-bearing liabilities	735,828	4,495	0.81	643,273	3,186	0.66
Noninterest-bearing deposits	129,750			91,909		
Other noninterest-bearing liabilities	8,207			7,206		
Total liabilities	873,785			742,388		
Total equity	95,291			86,900		
Total liabilities and equity	\$969,076			\$829,288		
Net interest income (taxable equivalent basis)		27,187			\$ 22,854	
Less: taxable equivalent adjustment		(904 )			(1,146 )	
Net interest income		\$ 26,283			\$ 21,708	
Interest rate spread			3.82 %			3.84 %
Net interest margin			3.97 %			3.95 %
Average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities			124.12 %			120.04 %

(1) Includes FHLB borrowings, federal funds purchased and repurchase agreements.

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**Rate/Volume Analysis.** The following table sets forth the effects of changing rates and volumes on our net interest income on a tax equivalent basis for the nine-month periods ended June 30, 2018 and 2017. The rate column shows the effects attributable to changes in rate (changes in rate multiplied by prior volume). The volume column shows the effects attributable to changes in volume (changes in volume multiplied by prior rate). The net column represents the sum of the prior columns. Changes attributable to changes in both rate and volume have been allocated proportionally based on the absolute dollar amounts of change in each.

	<b>Nine Months Ended June 30, 2018</b>		
	<b>Compared to</b>		
	<b>Nine Months Ended June 30, 2017</b>		
	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>		
	<b>Due to</b>		
	Rate	Volume	Net
		(In thousands)	
Interest income:			
Interest-bearing deposits with banks	\$ 162	\$ 32	\$ 194
Loans	603	4,323	4,926
Investment securities	(253 )	596	343
Agency mortgage-backed securities	124	(56 )	68
FRB and FHLB stock	33	78	111
Total interest-earning assets	669	4,973	5,642
Interest expense:			
Deposits	650	311	961
Borrowings (1)	167	181	348
Total interest-bearing liabilities	817	492	1,309
Net increase (decrease) in net interest income (tax equivalent basis)	\$ (148 )	\$ 4,481	\$ 4,333

(1) Includes FHLB borrowings, federal funds purchased and repurchase agreements.

***Provision for Loan Losses.*** The provision for loan losses was \$1.1 million for the nine-month period ended June 30, 2018 compared to \$1.0 million, for the same period in 2017. The increase in the provision for loans losses for 2018 as compared to the prior period was due primarily to growth in the loan portfolio. Gross loans increased approximately \$73.9 million for the nine-month period ended June 30, 2018 (excluding loans acquired in the FNBO transaction) compared to an increase of approximately \$46.7 million for the nine-month period ended June 30, 2017.

The Company recognized net charge-offs of \$165,000 for the nine-month period ended June 30, 2018 compared to net charge-offs of \$129,000 for the same period in 2017.



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**Noninterest Income.** Noninterest income increased \$2.9 million for the nine months ended June 30, 2018 as compared to the same period in 2017. The increase was due primarily to increases in net gain on sales of loans guaranteed by the SBA, income from the Bank's tax credit investment entity and other income of \$1.8 million, \$566,000 and \$511,000. The net gain on sales of loans guaranteed by the SBA was \$4.6 million for the nine months ended June 30, 2018 as compared to \$2.7 million for the same period in 2017. The increase in other income is primarily attributable to increased servicing income on SBA-guaranteed loans of \$515,000. The net gain on trading account securities was \$43,000 for the nine months ended June 30, 2018 as compared to \$113,000 for the same period in 2017.

**Noninterest Expense.** Noninterest expense increased \$5.0 million for the nine months ended June 30, 2018 as compared to the same period in 2017. The increase was due primarily to increases in compensation and benefits, data processing, occupancy and equipment, professional fees, and other operating expenses of \$2.5 million, \$948,000, \$569,000, \$317,000 and \$535,000, respectively, which included FNBO merger-related expenses and initial operating expenses of the secondary-market residential mortgage lending division, as provided in the table below.

	Data Processing	Compensation & Benefits	Occupancy & Equipment	Professional Fees	Other Operating
	(In thousands)				
Increase	\$948	\$ 2,497	\$ 569	\$ 317	\$ 535
Less: Merger-related	839	83	72	217	43
Less: Initial secondary-market residential mortgage division operating expenses	-	475	98	58	30
	\$109	\$ 1,939	\$ 399	\$ 42	\$ 462

The increase in compensation and benefits expense is attributable to the addition of new employees to support the growth of the Company, including its SBA and secondary-market residential mortgage lending activities, compensation for the retained FNBO employees, and normal salary and benefits adjustments. The increase in occupancy and equipment expense (excluding nonrecurring merger-related expense) is primarily attributable to

increases in repairs, maintenance and software licensing expenses.

***Income Tax Expense.*** The Company recognized income tax expense of \$1.7 million for the nine-months ended June 30, 2018, for an effective tax rate of 15.0% as compared to income tax expense of \$1.7 million, for an effective tax rate of 19.4%, for the same period in 2017. The decrease in the effective tax rate is due primarily to a reduction in the Company's statutory federal income tax rate from 34.0% to 24.5% as a result of the enacted Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, and net income attributable to noncontrolling interests of \$1.2 million, which is pass-through income not subject to income tax at the entity level.

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**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

***Liquidity Management.*** Liquidity is the ability to meet current and future financial obligations of a short-term nature. The Bank's primary sources of funds are customer deposits, proceeds from loan repayments, maturing securities and FHLB borrowings. While loan repayments and maturities are a predictable source of funds, deposit flows and mortgage prepayments are greatly influenced by market interest rates, general economic conditions and competition. At June 30, 2018, the Bank had cash and cash equivalents of \$38.0 million and securities available-for-sale with a fair value of \$208.1 million. If the Bank requires funds beyond its ability to generate them internally, it has additional borrowing capacity with the FHLB, borrowing capacity on a federal funds purchased line of credit facility with another financial institution and additional collateral eligible for repurchase agreements.

The Bank's primary investing activity is the origination of commercial real estate and one-to-four family mortgage loans and, to a lesser extent, consumer, multi-family, commercial business and residential and commercial real estate construction loans. The Bank also invests in U.S. government agency and sponsored enterprises securities, mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations issued by U.S. government agencies and sponsored enterprises, and municipal bonds.

The Bank must maintain an adequate level of liquidity to ensure the availability of sufficient funds to support loan growth and deposit withdrawals, to satisfy financial commitments and to take advantage of investment opportunities. Historically, the Bank has been able to retain a significant amount of its deposits as they mature. If these maturing deposits do not remain with the Bank, we will be required to seek other sources of funds, including other certificates of deposit and borrowings.

The Company is a separate legal entity from the Bank and must provide for its own liquidity to pay its operating expenses and other financial obligations, to pay any dividends and to repurchase any of its outstanding common stock.

The Company's primary source of income is dividends received from the Bank and the Captive. The amount of dividends that the Bank may declare and pay to the Company in any calendar year cannot exceed net income for that year to date plus retained net income (as defined) for the preceding two calendar years. At June 30, 2018, the Company (unconsolidated basis) had liquid assets of \$663,000.

**Capital Management.** The Bank is required to maintain specific amounts of capital pursuant to regulatory requirements. As of June 30, 2018, the Bank was in compliance with all regulatory capital requirements that were effective as of such date, with Tier 1 capital (to average total assets), common equity Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets), Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets) and total capital (to risk-weighted assets) ratios of 7.91%, 10.33%, 10.33% and 11.49%, respectively. The regulatory requirements at that date were 5.0%, 6.5%, 8.0% and 10.0%, respectively, in order to be categorized as "well capitalized" under applicable regulatory guidelines. At June 30, 2018, the Bank was considered "well-capitalized" under applicable regulatory guidelines.

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**Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

In the normal course of operations, the Company engages in a variety of financial transactions that, in accordance with GAAP, are not recorded on the Company's financial statements. These transactions involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit, interest rate and liquidity risk. Such transactions are primarily used to manage customers' requests for funding and take the form of loan commitments and letters of credit. A further presentation of the Company's off-balance sheet arrangements is presented in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2017.

For the nine-month period ended June 30, 2018, the Company did not engage in any off-balance sheet transactions reasonably likely to have a material effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

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**QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES**

**ABOUT MARKET RISK**

**Qualitative Aspects of Market Risk.** Market risk is the risk that the estimated fair value of our assets, liabilities, and derivative financial instruments will decline as a result of changes in interest rates or financial market volatility, or that our net income will be significantly reduced by interest rate changes.

The Company's principal financial objective is to achieve long-term profitability while reducing its exposure to fluctuating market interest rates by operating within acceptable limits established for interest rate risk and maintaining adequate levels of funding and liquidity. The Company has sought to reduce the exposure of its earnings to changes in market interest rates by attempting to manage the mismatch between asset and liability maturities and interest rates. In order to reduce the exposure to interest rate fluctuations, the Company has developed strategies to manage its liquidity, shorten its effective maturities of certain interest-earning assets and decrease the interest rate sensitivity of its asset base. Management has sought to decrease the average maturity of its assets by emphasizing the origination of short-term residential mortgage, commercial mortgage and commercial business loans, all of which are retained by the Company for its portfolio. The Company relies on retail deposits as its primary source of funds. Management believes the primary use of retail deposits, complimented with a modest allocation of brokered certificates of deposit and FHLB borrowings, reduce the effects of interest rate fluctuations because they generally represent a more stable source of funds.

**Quantitative Aspects of Market Risk.** Potential cash flows, sales, or replacement value of many of our assets and liabilities, especially those that earn or pay interest, are sensitive to changes in the general level of interest rates. This interest rate risk arises primarily from our normal business activities of gathering deposits and extending loans. Many factors affect our exposure to changes in interest rates, such as general economic and financial conditions, customer preferences, historical pricing relationships, and re-pricing characteristics of financial instruments. Our earnings can also be affected by the monetary and fiscal policies of the U.S. Government and its agencies, particularly the Federal Reserve Board. Furthermore, the Company does not engage in hedging activities or purchase high-risk derivative instruments and also is not subject to foreign currency exchange rate risk or commodity price risk.

An element in our ongoing process is to measure and monitor interest rate risk using a Net Interest Income at Risk simulation to model the interest rate sensitivity of the balance sheet and to quantify the impact of changing interest rates on the Company. The model quantifies the effects of various possible interest rate scenarios on projected net

interest income over a one-year horizon. The model assumes a semi-static balance sheet and measures the impact on net interest income relative to a base case scenario of hypothetical changes in interest rates over twelve months and provides no effect given to any steps that management might take to counter the effect of the interest rate movements. The scenarios include prepayment assumptions, changes in the level of interest rates, the shape of the yield curve, and spreads between market interest rates in order to capture the impact from re-pricing, yield curve, option, and basis risks.

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## ABOUT MARKET RISK

Results of our simulation modeling, which assumes an immediate and sustained parallel shift in market interest rates, project that the Company's net interest income could change as follows over a one-year horizon, relative to our base case scenario.

Immediate Change in the Level of Interest Rates	At June 30, 2018 One Year Horizon		At September 30, 2017 One Year Horizon		
	Dollar Change	Percent Change	Dollar Change	Percent Change	
	(Dollars in thousands)				
300bp	\$(1,140)	(3.18 )%	\$ 319	1.04	%
200bp	766	2.14	332	1.08	
100bp	423	1.18	155	0.51	
(100)bp	(401 )	(1.12 )	(463 )	(1.51 )	

At June 30, 2018, our simulated exposure to an increase in interest rates shows that an immediate and sustained increase in rates of 1.00% will increase our net interest income by \$423,000, or 1.18%, over a one year horizon compared to a flat interest rate scenario. Furthermore, rate increases of 2.00% and 3.00% would cause net interest income to increase by 2.14% and decrease by 3.18%, respectively. Conversely, an immediate and sustained decrease in rates of 1.00% will decrease our net interest income by \$401,000, or 1.12%, over a one year horizon compared to a flat interest rate scenario. All estimated changes presented in the above table are within the policy guidelines approved by the Company's Board of Directors.



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**CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

**Controls and Procedures**

The Company's management, including the Company's principal executive officer and the Company's principal financial officer, have evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's "disclosure controls and procedures," as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Based on their evaluation, the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective for the purpose of ensuring that information required to be disclosed in reports that the Company files or submits under the Exchange Act with the SEC (1) is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's Rules and Forms and (2) is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

During the quarter ended June 30, 2018, there were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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**OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

The Company is not a party to any legal proceedings. Periodically, there have been various claims and lawsuits involving the Bank, mainly as a plaintiff, such as claims to enforce liens, condemnation proceedings on properties in which the Bank holds security interests, claims involving the making and servicing of real property loans and other issues incident to the Bank's business. The Bank is not a party to any pending legal proceedings that it believes would have a material adverse effect on its financial condition or results of operations.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

In addition to the other information set forth in this report, you should carefully consider the factors discussed in Part I, "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2017 which could materially affect our business, financial condition or future results. There have been no material changes to the risk factors described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, however, these are not the only risks that we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or results of operations.

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## Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

The following table presents information regarding the Company's stock repurchase activity during the quarter ended June 30, 2018:

Period	(a) Total number of shares (or units) purchased	(b) Average price paid per share (or unit)	(c) Total number of shares (or units) purchased as part of publicly announced plans or programs (1)	(d) Maximum number (or appropriate dollar value) of shares (or units) that may yet be purchased under the plans or programs
April 1, 2018 through April 30, 2018	-	\$ -	-	60,472
May 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018	-	\$ -	-	60,472
June 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018	-	\$ -	-	60,472
Total	-	\$ -	-	60,472

(1) On November 16, 2012, the Company announced that its Board of Directors authorized a stock repurchase program to acquire up to 230,217 shares, or 10.0% of the Company's outstanding common stock. Under the program, repurchases are to be conducted through open market purchases or privately negotiated transactions, and are to be made from time to time depending on market conditions and other factors. There is no guarantee as to the exact number of shares to be repurchased by the Company. Repurchased shares will be held in treasury.

## Item 3. Defaults upon Senior Securities

Not applicable.

**Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures**

Not applicable.

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**Item 5. Other Information**

None.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

31.1 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer

31.2 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Chief Financial Officer

32.1 Section 1350 Certification of Chief Executive Officer

32.2 Section 1350 Certification of Chief Financial Officer

The following materials from the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2018, formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language): (i) the Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) 101 the Consolidated Statements of Income, (iii) the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income, (iv) the Consolidated Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity, (v) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows and (vi) related notes

**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.

FIRST SAVINGS FINANCIAL GROUP,  
INC.  
(Registrant)

**Dated** August 9, 2018 **BY:** /s/ Larry W. Myers  
Larry W. Myers  
President and Chief Executive Officer

**Dated** August 9, 2018 **BY:** /s/ Anthony A. Schoen  
Anthony A. Schoen  
Chief Financial Officer