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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Form 11-K**

(Mark One)

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002

OR

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

for the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 333-70067

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

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Sally Beauty 401(k) Savings Plan

Alberto-Culver 401(k) Savings Plan

3900 Morse Street

Denton, TX 76205

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

Alberto-Culver Company

2525 Armitage Ave.

Melrose Park, IL 60160

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303 East Wacker Drive

Chicago, IL 60601

**Independent Auditors Report**

To the Plan Administrator of the

Alberto-Culver 401(k) Savings Plan:

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the Alberto-Culver 401(k) Savings Plan (the Plan) as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan'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 of America. 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 net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2002 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ KPMG LLP

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**KPMG LLP**

April 11, 2003

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**401(k) SAVINGS PLAN**

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2002 and 2001

|                                   | <u>2002</u>                 | <u>2001</u>                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Assets:                           |                             |                             |
| Investments                       | \$ 26,718,354               | 25,563,595                  |
| Employer contribution receivable  | 945,510                     | 894,637                     |
|                                   | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> |
| Net assets available for benefits | \$ 27,663,864               | 26,458,232                  |
|                                   | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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## Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001

|  | <u>2002</u>                 | <u>2001</u>                 |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Additions to net assets attributed to:                 |                             |                             |
| Investment income (loss):                              |                             |                             |
| Net depreciation in fair value of investments          | \$ (3,839,306)              | (2,421,012)                 |
| Dividend and interest income                           | 391,632                     | 359,304                     |
| Interest on participant loans                          | 61,918                      | 60,540                      |
|  | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> |
| Total investment loss                                  | (3,385,756)                 | (2,001,168)                 |
|  | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> |
| Contributions:   |                             |                             |
| Employer   | 945,510                     | 894,637                     |
| Employee   | 5,129,103                   | 4,096,672                   |
|  | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> |
| Total contributions                                    | 6,074,613                   | 4,991,309                   |
|  | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> |
| Total additions  | 2,688,857                   | 2,990,141                   |
|  | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> |
| Deductions from net assets attributed to:              |                             |                             |
| Benefits paid to participants                          | (1,467,606)                 | (1,415,618)                 |
| Administrative fees                                    | (15,619)                    | (10,587)                    |
|  | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> |
| Total deductions                                       | (1,483,225)                 | (1,426,205)                 |
|  | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> |
| Net increase   | 1,205,632                   | 1,563,936                   |
| Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year | 26,458,232                  | 24,894,296                  |
|  | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> |
| Net assets available for benefits at end of year       | \$ 27,663,864               | 26,458,232                  |
|  | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> |

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**401(k) SAVINGS PLAN**

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**(1) Description of the Plan**

***General***

The Alberto-Culver 401(k) Savings Plan (the Plan), established on January 1, 1994, is a defined contribution plan available to eligible employees of Alberto-Culver Company (the Company), and certain subsidiaries of the Company.

The Plan is administered by the Company with the assistance of Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, a CIGNA company. The investment assets of the Plan are held by CIGNA Bank & Trust Company (the Trustee).

The following description of the Plan provides only general information. Information about the Plan's provisions is contained in the plan document, which may be obtained from the Company.

***Participation***

All eligible employees whose customary employment is for at least 1,000 hours within 12 consecutive months and are at least 21 years of age may participate in the Plan on the first day of the month coincident with or following the employee's hire date. Effective January 1, 2000, eligible employees of the Alberto-Culver Local 9777 Pension Plan were permitted to participate in the Plan. The Plan does not allow for Company matching contributions to this group. On December 31, 2002, a total of 1,341 persons were participants in or beneficiaries of the Plan.

***Contributions***

Participants may elect to contribute any amount from 1% to 50% of their eligible compensation, in whole percentage points, subject to the limitations of the Internal Revenue Code. The percentage of compensation contributed may be increased or decreased at the election of the participant any time during the year. All eligible participant contributions are tax deferred contributions pursuant to a qualified cash or deferral arrangement subject to the limitations of the Internal Revenue Code. Annual participant contribution amounts are limited to \$11,000 for the year

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ended December 31, 2002, as determined by the Internal Revenue Code. The Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 includes a provision that allows participants who have attained age 50 during the plan year to make additional contributions above otherwise permissible limits. These additional contributions, known as catch-up contributions, were limited to \$1,000 for the year ended December 31, 2002. Company contributions to the Plan are based on a discretionary match on an annual basis. For the plan years 2002 and 2001, the Company matched \$0.50 of each dollar on 4% of eligible participant compensation. Company matching contributions will not be made on catch-up contributions.

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***Investment Options***

Participants may elect to invest their contributions and any Company contributions in nineteen investment options within seven different asset classes and the Company's Class B common stock. The asset classes include: (i) fixed income, (ii) balanced, (iii) large capitalization equity, (iv) mid capitalization equity, (v) small capitalization equity, (vi) global equity, and (vii) international equity. Dividend and interest income received on investments made by the investment funds are reinvested accordingly in the same funds.

Participants may invest Company and employee contributions in 1% increments in the Plan's available fund options and may reallocate their investments among the available fund options any time during the year.

None of the investment funds, other than the CIGNA Guaranteed Income Fund, guarantee a positive return to the participant. This fund invests in a diversified portfolio of high quality, fixed income instruments within CIGNA's general account. Principal and interest are backed by the underlying assets of CIGNA.

***Vesting***

Participants are fully vested in the current value of their contributions and earnings thereon, and become fully vested in the Company contributions and related earnings credited to their accounts based upon their years of vesting service as shown in the following table:

| <u>Years of vesting service</u> | <u>Vested<br/>percentage</u> |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Less than 1                     | 0%                           |
| 1 but less than 2               | 20                           |
| 2 but less than 3               | 40                           |
| 3 but less than 4               | 60                           |
| 4 but less than 5               | 80                           |
| 5 or more                       | 100                          |

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Participants who are age 65 or over, die, or become permanently disabled are automatically 100% vested in the value of Company contributions and related earnings or losses credited to their account.

### *Distribution Options*

Upon termination of employment, participants generally may elect to receive the total value of their account attributable to their contributions, as well as the vested value of their Company contributions in cash, annual installments, direct rollover, or in Company stock according to the provisions of the Plan. Alternatively, participants may elect to defer the distribution of their account balance until age 70½, at which time minimum required distributions will commence according to Section 401(a)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code. Such deferred benefits remain in the Plan and participate in the earnings and losses of the investments.

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***Participant Loans***

Participants may borrow against their account balances for periods of one to five years. In the event the loan is used to purchase a primary residence, an extended period of time for repayment is allowed. Participant loans are limited to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of the participants vested account balance and bear interest at the prime rate plus 1% at the time the loan is made. Outstanding participant loans are considered investments of the Plan and repayments of principal and interest are credited to the borrowing participants' account using his or her current investment election. At December 31, 2002 and 2001, interest rates on outstanding loans ranged from 5.25% to 10.50% and 5.75% to 10.50%, respectively.

***Forfeitures***

Company contributions and earnings thereon forfeited by terminated employees are used to reduce future Company contributions to the Plan. The Company will reinstate forfeited balances to the accounts of employees who rejoin the Company within five years of their termination. In 2002 and 2001, Company contributions were reduced by forfeiture amounts of \$8,500 and \$11,111, respectively.

***Administrative Expenses***

Administrative fees are paid by the Plan. All other Plan-related expenses are paid by the Company. Investment management fees are included in the investment fund yield.

**(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***Basis of Accounting***

The Company maintains the accounts of the Plan on an accrual basis.

***Asset Valuation***

The investment assets in the Plan are valued at the quoted closing sale price on the last business day of the year. Participant loans are stated at contract value which approximates fair value.

***Security Transactions and Investment Income***

Purchases and sales of investments in the Plan are recorded on a trade-date basis. When investments are sold, the difference between the original cost (computed on an average cost basis) and the proceeds received is recorded as a realized gain or loss. Interest and dividend income are recorded when earned.

***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the use of plan administrator estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits at the date of the financial statements and the changes in net assets available for benefits during the reporting period and related disclosures. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

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**(3) Related-party Transactions**

CIGNA Retirement and Investment Services provides certain accounting and administrative services to the Plan for which \$15,619 of expenses were charged for the year ended December 31, 2002.

**(4) Termination of the Plan**

It is the intent of the Company that the Plan continue into the future; however, the Company reserves the right to terminate the Plan. In the event the Plan is terminated, participants would become fully vested in their accounts and the assets of the Plan would be distributed to the participants in proportion to their respective interests in the Plan.

**(5) Tax Status**

The Company adopted a Prototype Standardized Profit Sharing Plan with a cash or deferral arrangement which received a favorable opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), dated February 6, 2002, which stated that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code. The Company believes that the Plan currently is designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and that, therefore, the Plan qualifies under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and is exempt from tax under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The plan administrator is not aware of any activity or transaction that may adversely affect the qualified status of the Plan.

**(6) Other Investment Information**

The fair values of investment fund balances which represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets as of December 31, 2002 and 2001 are as follows:

|                              | <u>2002</u>  | <u>2001</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| CIGNA Guaranteed Income Fund | \$ 9,903,847 | 7,424,263   |
| CIGNA S&P 500 Index Fund     | 2,814,300    | 3,261,946   |

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|   |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Alberto-Culver Company Class B Common Stock | 2,447,962 | 1,210,425 |
| Fidelity Advisor Equity Growth Fund         | 2,409,315 | 3,594,975 |
| Fidelity Advisor Balanced Fund              | 1,879,312 | 1,952,313 |
| CIGNA Large Cap Growth Fund/Morgan Stanley  | 1,874,294 | 2,530,714 |
| Janus Worldwide Fund                        | *         | 1,173,869 |

\* Investment does not exceed 5% of the Plan's net assets.

### (7) Subsequent Events

Effective January 1, 2003, annual participant contributions and catch-up contributions will be limited to \$12,000 and \$2,000, respectively. Company matching contributions will not be made on catch-up contributions.

Effective January 1, 2003, the Mid-Cap Growth/Artisan Partners Fund will be added to the Plan for the purpose of providing a broader selection of investment options for the participants to choose from.



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**ALBERTO-CULVER****401(k) SAVINGS PLAN**

Schedule H, Line 4i Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2002

| Identity of issues, borrower,<br>lessor, or similar party | Description of investment including                                |               | Number of<br>Shares/Units | Current<br>value |
|---|--|---------------|---------------------------|------------------|
|   | maturity date, rate of interest,<br>par value, or number of shares |               |                           |                  |
| * Connecticut General Life Insurance Company              | CIGNA Guaranteed Income Fund                                       | 379,326 Units | \$ 9,903,847              |                  |
| * Connecticut General Life Insurance Company              | CIGNA S&P 500 Index Fund   | 59,451 Units  | 2,814,300                 |                  |
| * Alberto-Culver Company                                  | Class B Common Stock   | 48,395 Shares | 2,447,962                 |                  |
| Fidelity  | Advisor Equity Growth Fund   | 42,870 Units  | 2,409,315                 |                  |
| Fidelity  | Advisor Balanced Fund  | 68,093 Units  | 1,879,312                 |                  |
| * Connecticut General Life Insurance Company              | CIGNA Large Cap Growth Fund/Morgan Stanley                         | 237,493 Units | 1,874,294                 |                  |
| Janus   | Worldwide Fund   | 22,875 Units  | 957,868                   |                  |
| Credit Suisse   | International Equity Fund  | 35,223 Units  | 557,120                   |                  |
| * Connecticut General Life Insurance Company              | CIGNA Small Cap Value/Berger                                       | 37,685 Units  | 555,449                   |                  |
| * Connecticut General Life Insurance Company              | CIGNA Small Cap Growth/Times Square                                | 38,969 Units  | 486,988                   |                  |
| * Connecticut General Life Insurance Company              | CIGNA Mid Cap Growth Fund/Cadence                                  | 50,967 Units  | 453,271                   |                  |
| * Connecticut General Life Insurance Company              | CIGNA Lifetime 30  | 26,364 Units  | 277,365                   |                  |
| * Connecticut General Life Insurance Company              | CIGNA Lifetime 40  | 25,054 Units  | 263,552                   |                  |
| * Connecticut General Life Insurance Company              | CIGNA Balanced I Fund/Wellington Management                        | 7,079 Units   | 228,528                   |                  |
| * Connecticut General Life Insurance Company              | CIGNA Lifetime 50  | 20,285 Units  | 222,093                   |                  |
| * Connecticut General Life Insurance Company              | CIGNA Lifetime 20  | 18,334 Units  | 185,872                   |                  |
| * Connecticut General Life Insurance Company              | CIGNA Large Cap Value/John A. Levin & Co.                          | 16,187 Units  | 181,289                   |                  |
| * Connecticut General Life Insurance Company              | CIGNA Lifetime 60  | 5,300 Units   | 62,831                    |                  |

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|   |                   |  |       |       |               |
|---|-------------------|--|-------|-------|---------------|
|   | Lazard            | International Equity Fund  | 4,732 | Units | 60,624        |
| * | Plan participants | Loans to participants, bearing interest from 5.25% to 10.50% with varying maturities |       |       | 896,474       |
|   |                   |  |       |       | \$ 26,718,354 |

\* Represents a party-in-interest.

See accompanying independent auditors report.

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/s/ KPMG LLP

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**KPMG LLP**

April 11, 2003

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Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2002 and 2001

|                                   | <u>2002</u>          | <u>2001</u>       |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Assets:                           |                      |                   |
| Cash                              | \$ 31,946            | 192,707           |
| Investments                       | 29,602,453           | 21,431,058        |
|                                   | <u>29,634,399</u>    | <u>21,623,765</u> |
| Total assets held for investment  |                      |                   |
| Employer contribution receivable  | 1,652,147            | 1,503,555         |
|                                   | <u>\$ 31,286,546</u> | <u>23,127,320</u> |
| Net assets available for benefits |                      |                   |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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## Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001

|  | <u>2002</u>                 | <u>2001</u>                 |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Additions to net assets attributed to:                 |                             |                             |
| Investment income (loss):                              |                             |                             |
| Net depreciation in fair value of investments          | \$ (4,334,307)              | (1,766,638)                 |
| Dividend and interest income                           | 338,783                     | 273,311                     |
| Interest on participant loans                          | 72,298                      | 57,191                      |
|  | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> |
| Total investment loss                                  | (3,923,226)                 | (1,436,136)                 |
|  | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> |
| Contributions:   |                             |                             |
| Employer   | 1,652,147                   | 1,503,555                   |
| Employee   | 7,284,138                   | 5,993,977                   |
| Plan mergers   | 5,353,294                   |                             |
|  | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> |
| Total contributions                                    | 14,289,579                  | 7,497,532                   |
|  | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> |
| Total additions  | 10,366,353                  | 6,061,396                   |
|  | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> |
| Deductions from net assets attributed to:              |                             |                             |
| Benefits paid to participants                          | (2,175,957)                 | (1,740,721)                 |
| Administrative fees                                    | (31,170)                    | (29,941)                    |
|  | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> |
| Total deductions                                       | (2,207,127)                 | (1,770,662)                 |
|  | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> |
| Net increase   | 8,159,226                   | 4,290,734                   |
| Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year | 23,127,320                  | 18,836,586                  |
|  | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> |
| Net assets available for benefits at end of year       | <u>\$ 31,286,546</u>        | <u>23,127,320</u>           |

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**(1) Description of the Plan**

***General***

The Sally Beauty 401(k) Savings Plan (the Plan), established on January 1, 1994, is a defined contribution plan available to eligible employees of Sally Beauty Company (the Company).

The Plan is administered by the Company with the assistance of Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, a CIGNA company. The investment assets of the Plan are held by CIGNA Bank & Trust Company (the Trustee).

The following description of the Plan provides only general information. Information about the Plan's provisions is contained in the plan document, which may be obtained from the Company.

***Participation***

All eligible employees whose customary employment is for at least 1,000 hours within 12 consecutive months, who are not members of a collective bargaining unit, and who are at least 21 years of age may participate in the Plan on the first day of the month coincident with or following the completion of 12 months of service. On December 31, 2002, a total of 2,971 persons were participants in or beneficiaries of the Plan.

***Contributions***

Participants may elect to contribute any amount from 1% to 50% of their eligible compensation, in whole percentage points, subject to the limitations of the Internal Revenue Code. The percentage of compensation contributed may be increased or decreased at the election of the participant any time during the year. All eligible participant contributions are tax deferred contributions pursuant to a qualified cash or deferral arrangement subject to the limitations of the Internal Revenue Code. Annual participant contribution amounts are limited to \$11,000 for the year

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ended December 31, 2002, as determined by the Internal Revenue Code. The Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 includes a provision that allows participants who have attained age 50 during the plan year to make additional contributions above otherwise permissible limits. These additional contributions, known as catch-up contributions, were limited to \$1,000 for the year ended December 31, 2002. Company contributions to the Plan are based on a discretionary match on an annual basis. For the plan years 2002 and 2001, the Company matched \$0.50 of each dollar on 4% of eligible participant compensation. Company matching contributions will not be made on catch-up contributions.

### *Investment Options*

Participants may elect to invest their contributions and any Company contributions in nineteen investment options within seven different asset classes and the Company's Class B common stock. The asset classes include: (i) fixed income, (ii) balanced, (iii) large capitalization equity, (iv) mid capitalization equity, (v) small capitalization equity, (vi) global equity, and (vii) international equity. Dividend and interest income received on investments made by the investment funds are reinvested accordingly in the same funds.

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None of the investment funds, other than the CIGNA Guaranteed Income Fund, guarantee a positive return to the participant. This fund invests in a diversified portfolio of high quality, fixed income instruments within CIGNA's general account. Principal and interest are backed by the underlying assets of CIGNA.

***Vesting***

Participants are fully vested in the current value of their contributions and earnings thereon, and become fully vested in the Company contributions and related earnings credited to their accounts based upon their years of vesting service as shown in the following table:

| <u>Years of vesting service</u> | <u>Vested<br/>percentage</u> |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Less than 1                     | 0%                           |
| 1 but less than 2               | 20                           |
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| 5 or more                       | 100                          |

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***Distribution Options***

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Upon termination of employment, participants generally may elect to receive the total value of their account attributable to their contributions, as well as the vested value of their Company contributions in cash, annual installments, direct rollover, or in Company stock according to the provisions of the Plan. Alternatively, participants may elect to defer the distribution of their account balance until age 70½, at which time minimum required distributions will commence according to Section 401(a)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code. Such deferred benefits remain in the Plan and participate in the earnings and losses of the investments.

### *Corrective Distributions*

As required under Sections 401(k) and 401(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, the Plan is required to pass compliance tests as they relate to both participant and Company matching contributions to the Plan. If the Plan does not pass these tests, the Plan must make corrective distributions to certain highly compensated employees. For the plan years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, corrective distributions were required in the amounts of \$126,617 and \$226,315, respectively. Corrective distributions are processed in the plan year subsequent in which the participant and company contributions were initially contributed.

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***Participant Loans***

Participants may borrow against their account balances for periods of one to five years. In the event the loan is used to purchase a primary residence, an extended period of time for repayment is allowed. Participant loans are limited to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of the participants vested account balance and bear interest at the prime rate plus 1% at the time the loan is made. Outstanding participant loans are considered investments of the Plan and repayments of principal and interest are credited to the borrowing participants' account using his or her current investment election. At December 31, 2002 and December 31, 2001, interest rates on outstanding loans ranged from 5.25% to 10.50% and 5.75% to 10.50%, respectively.

***Forfeitures***

Company contributions, and earnings thereon, forfeited by terminated employees are used to reduce future Company contributions to the Plan. The Company will reinstate forfeited balances to the accounts of employees who rejoin the Company within five years of their termination. In 2002 and 2001, Company contributions were reduced by forfeiture amounts of \$18,000 and \$28,145, respectively.

***Administrative Expenses***

Administrative fees are paid by the Plan. All other Plan-related expenses are paid by the Company. Investment management fees are included in the investment fund yields.

**(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***Basis of Accounting***

The Company maintains the accounts of the Plan on an accrual basis.

***Asset Valuation***

The investment assets in the trust are valued at the quoted closing sale price on the last business day of the year. Participant loans are stated at contract value which approximates fair value.

***Security Transactions and Investment Income***

Purchases and sales of investments in the Plan are recorded on a trade-date basis. When investments are sold, the difference between the original cost (computed on an average cost basis) and the proceeds received are recorded as a realized gain or loss. Interest and dividend income are recorded when earned.

***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the use of plan administrator estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits at the date of the financial statements and the changes in net assets available for benefits during the reporting period and related disclosures. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

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**(3) Related-party Transactions**

CIGNA Retirement and Investment Services provides certain accounting and administrative services to the Plan for which \$31,170 of expenses were charged for the year ended December 31, 2002.

**(4) Termination of the Plan**

It is the intent of the Company that the Plan continue into the future; however, the Company reserves the right to terminate the Plan. In the event the Plan is terminated, participants would become fully vested in their accounts, and the assets of the Plan would be distributed to the participants in proportion to their respective interests in the Plan.

**(5) Tax Status**

The Company adopted a Prototype Standardized Profit Sharing Plan with a cash or deferral arrangement which received a favorable opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), dated February 6, 2002, which stated that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code. The Company believes that the Plan currently is designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and that, therefore, the Plan qualifies under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and is exempt from tax under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The plan administrator is not aware of any activity or transaction that may adversely affect the qualified status of the Plan.

**(6) Reconciliation of Financials Statements to Form 5500**

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits included in the financial statements to the Form 5500:

|  | <b>December 31,<br/>2002</b> |
|--|------------------------------|
| Net assets available for benefits included in the financial statements | \$ 31,286,546                |
| Amounts allocated to withdrawing participants at December 31, 2002     | (2,274)                      |

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|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| Net assets available for benefits included in the IRS Form 5500 | <u>\$ 31,284,272</u> |
|---|----------------------|

The following is a reconciliation of benefits paid to participants per the financial statements to the Form 5500:

|   | <b>Year ended<br/>December 31,<br/>2002</b> |
|---|---|
|   | <u>2002</u>                                 |
| Benefits paid to participants per the financial statements              | \$ 2,175,957                                |
| Add amounts allocated to withdrawing participants at December 31, 2002  | 2,274                                       |
| Less amounts allocated to withdrawing participants at December 31, 2001 | (28,385)                                    |
| Benefits paid to participants per IRS Form 5500                         | <u>\$ 2,149,846</u>                         |



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**(7) Other Investment Information**

The fair values of investment fund balances which represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets as of December 31, 2002 and 2001 are as follows:

|   | <u>2002</u>  | <u>2001</u> |
|---|--------------|-------------|
| CIGNA Guaranteed Income Fund                | \$ 8,830,744 | 5,689,805   |
| CIGNA Large Cap Growth Fund/Morgan Stanley  | 3,074,990    | 2,369,217   |
| Fidelity Advisor Equity Growth Fund         | 2,650,215    | 3,079,198   |
| CIGNA S&P 500 Index Fund                    | 2,271,367    | 1,970,890   |
| Alberto-Culver Company Class B Common Stock | 2,181,787    | 1,184,684   |
| Fidelity Advisor Balanced Fund              | 1,837,760    | 1,798,270   |

**(8) Subsequent Events**

Effective January 1, 2003, annual participant contributions and catch-up contributions will be limited to \$12,000 and \$2,000, respectively. Company matching contributions will not be made on catch-up contributions.

Effective January 1, 2003, the Mid-Cap Growth/Artisan Partners Fund will be added to the Plan for the purpose of providing a broader selection of investment options for the participants to choose from.

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Schedule H, Line 4i Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2002

| Identity of issues, borrower,<br>lessor, or similar party | Description of investment including                                |               | Number of<br>Share/Units | Current<br>value |
|---|--|---------------|--------------------------|------------------|
|   | maturity date, rate of interest,<br>par value, or number of shares |               |                          |                  |
| * Connecticut General Life Insurance Company              | CIGNA Guaranteed Income Fund                                       | 338,225 Units | \$ 8,830,744             |                  |
| * Connecticut General Life Insurance Company              | CIGNA Large Cap Growth Fund/Morgan Stanley                         | 389,634 Units | 3,074,990                |                  |
| Fidelity  | Advisor Equity Growth Fund   | 47,156 Units  | 2,650,215                |                  |
| * Connecticut General Life Insurance Company              | CIGNA S&P 500 Index Fund   | 47,982 Units  | 2,271,367                |                  |
| * Alberto-Culver Company                                  | Class B Common Stock   | 43,289 Shares | 2,181,787                |                  |
| Fidelity  | Advisor Balanced Fund  | 66,587 Units  | 1,837,760                |                  |
| * Connecticut General Life Insurance Company              | CIGNA Balanced I Fund/Wellington Management                        | 38,645 Units  | 1,247,557                |                  |
| Janus   | Worldwide Fund   | 27,931 Units  | 1,169,584                |                  |
| * Connecticut General Life Insurance Company              | CIGNA Large Cap Value/John A. Levin & Co                           | 81,765 Units  | 915,726                  |                  |
| * Connecticut General Life Insurance Company              | CIGNA Small Cap Growth/Times Square                                | 62,449 Units  | 780,417                  |                  |
| * Connecticut General Life Insurance Company              | CIGNA Small Cap Value/Berger                                       | 40,654 Units  | 599,205                  |                  |
| Credit Suisse   | International Equity Fund  | 33,181 Units  | 524,824                  |                  |
| * Connecticut General Life Insurance Company              | CIGNA Lifetime 50  | 41,297 Units  | 452,152                  |                  |
| * Connecticut General Life Insurance Company              | CIGNA Mid Cap Blend Fund/Cadence                                   | 49,711 Units  | 442,106                  |                  |
| * Connecticut General Life Insurance Company              | CIGNA Lifetime 40  | 39,450 Units  | 415,000                  |                  |
| * Connecticut General Life Insurance Company              | CIGNA Lifetime 30  | 36,683 Units  | 385,927                  |                  |
| * Connecticut General Life Insurance Company              | CIGNA Lifetime 20  | 30,798 Units  | 312,245                  |                  |
| Lazard  | International Equity Fund  | 13,459 Units  | 172,415                  |                  |
| * Connecticut General Life Insurance Company              | CIGNA Lifetime 60  | 9,055 Units   | 107,340                  |                  |

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|   |                   |  |               |
|---|-------------------|--|---------------|
| * | Plan participants | Loans to participants, bearing interest from 5.25% to 10.50% with varying maturities | 1,231,092     |
|   |                   |  | <hr/>         |
|   |                   |  | \$ 29,602,453 |
|   |                   |  | <hr/>         |

\* Represents a party-in-interest.

See accompanying independent auditors report.

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**SIGNATURES**

The Plans: Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plans) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SALLY BEAUTY 401(k) SAVINGS PLAN

By: Sally Beauty Company, Inc., Plan Administrator

By: /s/ WILLIAM J. CERNUGEL

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William J. Cernugel

*Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

ALBERTO-CULVER 401(k) SAVINGS PLAN

By: Alberto-Culver Company, Inc., Plan Administrator

By: /s/ WILLIAM J. CERNUGEL

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William J. Cernugel

*Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

Dated: June 30, 2003