

MENTOR CORP /MN/  
Form 8-K  
January 27, 2004

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

**FORM 8-K**

CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):  
January 27, 2004

**MENTOR CORPORATION**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

0-7955  
(Commission File No.)

41-0950791  
(IRS Employer I.D. No.)

201 Mentor Drive  
Santa Barbara, California 93111  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:  
(805) 879-6000

**ITEM 7. Exhibits.**

(c) The following exhibit is being furnished herewith:

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Exhibit Description</u> |
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| 99 | Press Release, dated January 27, 2004, issued by Mentor Corporation. |
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**ITEM 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

The purpose of this current report on Form 8-K is to furnish, as required by Item 12 of Form 8-K, the press release in connection with the fiscal 2004 third quarter results of operations issued by Mentor Corporation on January 27, 2003. The release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MENTOR CORPORATION

Date: January 27, 2004

/s/CHRISTOPHER J. CONWAY  
Christopher J. Conway, Chairman  
Chief Executive Officer

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Date: January 27, 2004

/s/ADEL MICHAEL  
Chief Financial Officer