

MENTOR CORP /MN/  
Form 8-K  
May 18, 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):  
May 18, 2004

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

Minnesota	07955	41-0950791
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File No.)	(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>
99	Press Release, dated May 18, 2004, issued by Mentor Corporation.

**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 fourth quarter results of operations issued by Mentor Corporation on May 18, 2003.

The release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

The information contained in this Item 12 and the exhibit hereto are being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Securities Act of 1933, whether made before or after the date hereof and irrespective of any general incorporation language in any filings, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

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: May 18, 2004

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

Date: May 18, 2004

/s/ADEL MICHAEL  
Chief Financial Officer