FORTUNE BRANDS INC Form 8-K April 18, 2002

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UNITED STATES 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

April 18, 2002 (April 18, 2002)

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware1-907613-3295276(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)(Commission
File Number)(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

300 Tower Parkway, Lincolnshire, Illinois 60069 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (847) 484-4400

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

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Item 5. Other Events.

Registrant's press release dated April 18, 2002, reporting Registrant's first quarter 2002 results, is filed herewith as Exhibit 20 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (c) Exhibits.
 - 20. Press release of Registrant dated April 18, 2002.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this Current Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC. (Registrant)

By /s/ C. P. Omtvedt

C. P. Omtvedt Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 18, 2002

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20. Press release of Registrant dated April 18, 2002.