SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the quarterly period ended March 31, 1999

OR
[ ] TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the transition period from $\qquad$ to $\qquad$ .
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 54-1719854

| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2980 Fairview Park Drive, Suite 1300, Falls Church, Virginia | 22042-4525 |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | (Zip Code) |
| (703) 205-1000 |  |

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)
(Not Applicable)
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or $15(\mathrm{~d})$ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES X NO

As of April 30, 1999, there were $65,836,721$ shares of the registrant's Common Stock, par value $\$ .01$ per share, outstanding.

```
CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION
FORM 10-Q
```

INDEX

March 31, 1999

ITEM 1. Financial Statements (unaudited):
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets............... 3
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income....... 4
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes $\quad$.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of
Cash Flows.................................................. 6
Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial
Statements...................................... 7

ITEM 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of
Financial Condition and Results of Operations.... 10
PART II. OTHER INFORMATION
ITEM 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders... 29
ITEM 6. Reports on Form 8-K............................................. 29
Signatures........................................... 30

ITEM 1.
CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
(dollars in thousands, except per share data) (unaudited)

March 31 December 31 1999

Assets:
Cash and due from banks
Federal funds sold and resale agreements
Interest-bearing deposits at other banks
Cash and cash equivalents
Securities available for sale Consumer loans

Less: Allowance for loan losses

## Net loans

Premises and equipment, net
Interest receivable
Accounts receivable from securitizations Other

Total assets

Liabilities:
Interest-bearing deposits
Other borrowings
Senior notes
Interest payable
Other
Total liabilities

## Capital Securities

Stockholders' Equity:
Preferred stock, par value $\$ .01$ per share; authorized
50,000,000 shares, none issued or outstanding
Common stock, par value $\$ .01$ per share; authorized
300,000,000 shares, 66,556,792 issued as of
March 31, 1999 and December 31, 1998
Paid-in capital, net
Retained earnings
Cumulative other comprehensive income
Less: Treasury stock, at cost; 801,412 and 896,970 shares as of March 31, 1999 and December 31, 1998, respectively

Total stockholders' equity
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity

| \$ | 13,276 | \$ | 15,974 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 261, 800 |
|  | 34,041 |  | 22,393 |
|  | 47,317 |  | 300,167 |
|  | 1,770,398 |  | 1,796,787 |
|  | 7,245,847 |  | 6,157,111 |
|  | (251, 000) |  | (231, 000) |
|  | 6,994,847 |  | 5,926,111 |
|  | 283,159 |  | 242,147 |
|  | 66,184 |  | 52,917 |
|  | 637,563 |  | 833,143 |
|  | 352,159 |  | 268,131 |
| \$ | 10,151,627 | \$ | 9,419,403 |
| \$ | 2,204,162 | \$ | 1,999,979 |
|  | 1,171,440 |  | 1,644,279 |
|  | 4,610, 049 |  | 3,739,393 |
|  | 87,501 |  | 91,637 |
|  | 661,279 |  | 575,788 |
|  | 8,734,431 |  | 8, 051, 076 |
|  | 97,984 |  | 97,921 |


|  | 666 |  | 666 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 606,929 |  | 599,498 |
|  | 757,071 |  | 679,838 |
|  | 22,554 |  | 60,655 |
|  | $(68,008)$ |  | $(70,251)$ |
|  | 1,319,212 |  | 1,270,406 |
| \$ | 10,151, 627 | \$ | 9,419,403 |


|  | Three Months Ended March 31 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1999 | 1998 |
| Interest Income: |  |  |
| Consumer loans, including fees | \$325, 067 | \$229,638 |
| Federal funds sold and resale agreements | 1,487 | 5,078 |
| Other | 26,517 | 23,326 |
| Total interest income | 353,071 | 258,042 |
| Interest Expense: |  |  |
| Deposits | 23,942 | 14,138 |
| Other borrowings | 23,837 | 16,053 |
| Senior and deposit notes | 72,495 | 63,029 |
| Total interest expense | 120,274 | 93,220 |
| Net interest income | 232,797 | 164,822 |
| Provision for loan losses | 74,586 | 85,866 |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses | 158,211 | 78,956 |
| Non-Interest Income: |  |  |
| Servicing and securitizations | 271,954 | 168,655 |
| Service charges and other fees | 222,453 | 132,445 |
| Interchange | 30, 219 | 14,799 |
| Total non-interest income | 524,626 | 315,899 |
| Non-Interest Expense: |  |  |
| Salaries and associate benefits | 179,194 | 107,953 |
| Marketing | 176,088 | 75,000 |
| Communications and data processing | 58,072 | 29,363 |
| Supplies and equipment | 36,704 | 22,615 |
| Occupancy | 13, 914 | 10,644 |
| Other | 85,996 | 43,308 |
| Total non-interest expense | 549,968 | 288,883 |
| Income before income taxes | 132,869 | 105,972 |
| Income taxes | 50,490 | 40,269 |
| Net income | \$ 82,379 | \$ 65,703 |
| Basic earnings per share | \$ 1.25 | \$ 1.00 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ 1.18 | \$ 0.96 |
| Dividends paid per share | \$ 0.08 | \$ 0.08 |

[^0]CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity
(in thousands, except per share data) (unaudited)


See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(in thousands) (unaudited)

|  | Three Months Ended March 31 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1999 |  | 1998 |  |
| Operating Activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Net income | \$ | 82,379 | \$ | 65,703 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Provision for loan losses |  | 74,586 |  | 85,866 |
| Depreciation and amortization, net |  | 35,874 |  | 16,278 |
| Stock compensation plans |  | 21,307 |  | 32,413 |
| (Increase) decrease in interest receivable |  | $(13,267)$ |  | 7,670 |
| Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable from securitizations |  | 152,514 |  | $(107,818)$ |
| Increase in other assets |  | $(70,234)$ |  | $(16,976)$ |
| Decrease in interest payable |  | $(4,136)$ |  | (904) |
| Increase in other liabilities |  | 85,491 |  | 146,112 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities |  | 364,514 |  | 228,344 |
| Investing Activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Purchases of securities available for sale |  | $(349,918)$ |  | (670,782) |
| Proceeds from sales of securities available for sale |  | 337,059 |  | 102,271 |
| Proceeds from maturities of securities available for sale |  | 25,014 |  | 303,344 |
| Net (increase) decrease in consumer loans |  | $(1,173,929)$ |  | 46,659 |
| Recoveries of loans previously charged off |  | 25,145 |  | 10,976 |
| Additions of premises and equipment, net |  | $(65,614)$ |  | $(18,761)$ |
| Net cash used for investing activities |  | $(1,202,243)$ |  | $(226,293)$ |
| Financing Activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Net increase (decrease) in interest-bearing deposits |  | 204,183 |  | $(152,804)$ |
| Net decrease in other borrowings |  | $(472,839)$ |  | $(72,498)$ |
| Issuances of senior notes |  | 895,500 |  | 505,064 |
| Maturities of senior notes |  | $(25,000)$ |  | $(373,666)$ |
| Dividends paid |  | $(5,166)$ |  | $(5,093)$ |
| Purchases of treasury stock |  | $(24,266)$ |  | $(2,364)$ |
| Net proceeds from issuances of common stock |  | 4,792 |  | 1,532 |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options |  | 7,675 |  | 2,115 |
| Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities |  | 584,879 |  | $(97,714)$ |
| Decrease in cash and cash equivalents |  | $(252,850)$ |  | $(95,663)$ |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period |  | 300,167 |  | 237,723 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ | 47,317 | \$ | 142,060 |

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION
Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements March 31, 1999
(in thousands, except per share data) (unaudited)
Note A: Basis of Presentation
The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Capital One Financial Corporation (the "Corporation") and its subsidiaries. The Corporation is a holding company whose subsidiaries provide a variety of products and services to consumers. The principal subsidiaries are Capital One Bank (the "Bank"), which offers credit card products, and Capital One, F.S.B. (the "Savings Bank"), which offers consumer lending products (including credit cards) and deposit products. The Corporation and its subsidiaries are collectively referred to as the "Company."

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete consolidated financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP 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. Operating results for the three months ended March 31, 1999 are not necessarily indicative of the results for the year ending December 31, 1999. The notes to the consolidated financial statements contained in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998 should be read in conjunction with these condensed consolidated financial statements. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated. Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the 1999 presentation.

Note B: Significant Accounting Policies

Cash and Cash Equivalents
Cash paid for interest for the three months ended March 31, 1999 and 1998 was $\$ 124,410$ and $\$ 94,124$, respectively. Cash paid for income taxes for the three months ended March 31, 1999 was \$11, 008.

## Segments

The Company maintains three distinct business segments: lending, telecommunications and "other." The lending segment is comprised primarily of credit card lending activities. The telecommunications segment consists primarily of direct marketing cellular service. "Other" consists of various, non-lending new business initiatives.

Management measures the performance of its business segments on a managed basis and makes resource allocation decisions based upon several factors, including managed revenue generated by the segment, net of direct costs before marketing expenses. Lending is the Company's only reportable business segment. Substantially all of the Company's reported assets, revenues and income are derived from the lending segment.

## Note C: Borrowings

In April 1999, the Corporation issued $\$ 225,000$ of seven-year fixed rate senior notes under an existing shelf registration. Existing unsecured senior debt outstanding of the Corporation under previous shelf registrations of $\$ 200,000$ and $\$ 425,000$ totaled $\$ 325,000$ as of March 31, 1999.

In January 1999, the Company adopted Statement of Position 98-1, "Accounting for the Costs of Computer Software Developed or Obtained for Internal Use" ("SOP 98-1"), issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants in March 1998. In accordance with SOP 98-1, the Company capitalizes certain internal use software costs which would have previously been expensed. The effect on net income was not material for the three months ended March 31, 1999.

Note E: Earnings Per Share
Earnings per share are calculated in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 128. "Earnings per Share" ("SFAS 128"). Pursuant to SFAS 128, basic earnings per share is based only on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding, excluding any dilutive effects of options and restricted stock. Diluted earnings per share is based on the weighted average number of common and common equivalent shares, dilutive stock options or other dilutive securities outstanding during the year.

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

|  |  | Three Months Ended March 31 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (shares in thousands) |  | 1999 |  | 1998 |
| Numerator: |  |  |  |  |
| Net income | \$ | 82,379 |  | 65,703 |
| Denominator: |  |  |  |  |
| Denominator for basic earnings per share -Weighted-average shares |  | 65,746 |  | 65,428 |
| Effect of dilutive securities: Stock options |  | 4,251 |  | 2,985 |
| Restricted stock |  |  |  | 2 |
| Dilutive potential common shares |  | 4,251 |  | 2,987 |
| Denominator for diluted earnings per share Adjusted weighted-average shares |  | 69,997 |  | 68,415 |
| Basic earnings per share | \$ | 1.25 | \$ | 1.00 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ | 1.18 | \$ | 0.96 |

Note F: Commitments and Contingencies
In connection with the transfer of substantially all of Signet Bank's credit card business to the Bank in November 1994, the Company and the Bank agreed to indemnify Signet Bank (which was acquired by First Union Bank on November 30, 1997) for certain liabilities incurred in litigation arising from that business, which may include liabilities, if any, incurred in the purported class action case described below.

During 1995, the Company and the Bank became involved in a purported class action suit relating to certain collection practices engaged in by Signet Bank and, subsequently, by the Bank. The complaint in this case alleges that Signet Bank and/or the Bank violated a variety of California state statutes and constitutional and common law duties by filing collection lawsuits, obtaining judgements and pursuing garnishment proceedings in the Virginia state courts against defaulted credit card customers who were not residents of Virginia. This case was filed in the Superior Court of California in the County of Alameda, Southern Division, on behalf of a class of California residents. The complaint in this case seeks unspecified statutory damages, compensatory damages, punitive damages, restitution, attorneys' fees and costs, a permanent injunction and other equitable relief.

In early 1997, the California court entered judgement in favor of the Bank on all of the plaintiffs' claims. The plaintiffs appealed the ruling to the California Court of Appeals First Appellate District Division 4. In early 1999, the Court of Appeals affirmed the trial court's ruling in favor of the Bank on six counts, but reversed the trial court's ruling on two counts of the plaintiffs' complaint. The Bank has petitioned for further appellate review of the ruling on the two remaining counts.

Because no specific measure of damages is demanded in the complaint of the California case and the trial court entered judgement in favor of the Bank before the parties completed any significant discovery, an informed assessment of the ultimate outcome of this case cannot be made at this time. Management believes, however, that there are meritorious defenses to this lawsuit and intends to continue to defend it vigorously.

The Company is commonly subject to various other pending and threatened legal actions arising from the conduct of its normal business activities. In the opinion of management, the ultimate aggregate liability, if any, arising out of any pending or threatened action will not have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial condition of the Company. At the present time, however, management is not in a position to determine whether the resolution of pending or threatened litigation will have a material effect on the Company's results of operations in any future reporting period.

## Note G: Subsequent Events

On April 29, 1999, the Company's Board of Directors approved a three-for-one stock split of the common stock of the Corporation. The stock split will be performed through a 200 percent stock distribution on June 1, 1999, to stockholders of record on May 20, 1999. The following reflects the pro forma share and per share data reported if the stock split occurred as of March 31, 1999:
For the Three Months Ended
March 31

On April 29, 1999, the Board also approved a stock options grant available to 143 members of senior management. This grant was composed of $2,369,397$ options to certain key managers (including 628,145 options to the Company's Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Operating Officer ("coo")) at the then market price of $\$ 169.375$ per share (before the effect of the announced stock split). The CEO and COO gave up their salary for the year of 2001, and their annual cash incentive, annual option grants and Senior Executive Retirement Plan contributions through the year of 2001 in exchange for these options. Other members of senior management are also able to participate in the program by electing to give up all annual stock option grants for the next two years in exchange for this one-time grant. All options under this grant will vest if the stock price is at or above $\$ 300$ per share for at least ten trading days in any thirty calendar-day period on or before June 15, 2002, or in nine years or upon a change of control of the Company.

## ITEM 2.

CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION
Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Introduction
Capital One Financial Corporation (the "Corporation") is a holding company whose subsidiaries provide a variety of products and services to consumers using its Information-Based Strategy ("IBS"). The principal subsidiaries are Capital One Bank (the "Bank"), which offers credit card products, and Capital One, F.S.B. (the "Savings Bank"), which offers consumer lending products (including credit cards) and deposit products. The Corporation and its subsidiaries are collectively referred to as the "Company." As of March 31, 1999, the Company had 18.0 million customers and $\$ 17.4$ billion in managed consumer loans outstanding and was one of the largest providers of Mastercard and Visa credit cards in the world. The Company's profitability is affected by the net interest income and non-interest income earned on earning assets, consumer usage patterns, credit quality, the level of marketing expense and operating efficiency.

## Earnings Summary

Net income for the three months ended March 31, 1999 of $\$ 82.4$ million, or $\$ 1.18$ per share, compares to net income of $\$ 65.7$ million, or $\$ .96$ per share, for the same period in 1998.

The increase in net income is primarily a result of an increase in asset and account volumes and rates, as well as improved credit quality. Net interest income increased $\$ 68.0$ million, or 41\%, as the net interest margin increased to $10.49 \%$ from $9.83 \%$ and average earning assets increased by $32 \%$. The provision for loan losses decreased $\$ 11.3$ million, or $13 \%$, as the reported charge-off rate decreased 146 basis points to $3.23 \%$ from $4.69 \%$, although average reported loans increased by 43\%. Non-interest income increased $\$ 208.7$ million, or 66\%, primarily as a result of the increase in the average number of accounts of $42 \%$, an increase in average managed loans of $24 \%$ and increases in the amounts of certain fees charged. Marketing expense increased $\$ 101.1$ million, or $135 \%$, to $\$ 176.1$ million as the Company continued to invest in new product opportunities. Salaries and associate benefits expense increased $\$ 71.2$ million, or $66 \%$. The $\$ 88.8$ million, or $84 \%$, increase in all other non-interest expenses as well as the increase in salaries and associate benefits expense primarily reflected increased staff and the cost of operations and the building of infrastructure to manage the growth in accounts and new product opportunities. Each component is discussed in further detail in subsequent sections of this analysis.

## Managed Consumer Loan Portfolio

The Company analyzes its financial performance on a managed consumer loan portfolio basis. Managed consumer loan data adds back the effect of off-balance sheet consumer loans. The Company also evaluates its interest rate exposure on a managed portfolio basis.

The Company's managed consumer loan portfolio is comprised of reported and off-balance sheet loans. Off-balance sheet loans are those which have been securitized and accounted for as sales in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 125, "Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities" ("SFAS 125"), and are not assets of the Company. Therefore, those loans are not shown on the balance sheet.

TABLE 1 - MANAGED CONSUMER LOAN PORTFOLIO

|  | Three Months Ended March 31 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (in thousands) | 1999 | 1998 |
| Period-End Balances: |  |  |
| Reported consumer loans | \$ 7,245,847 | \$ 4,748,186 |
| Off-balance sheet consumer loans | 10,198,391 | 9,254, 063 |
| Total managed consumer loan portfolio | \$17,444, 238 | \$14, 002, 249 |
| Average Balances: |  |  |
| Reported consumer loans | \$ 6, 831,724 | \$ 4,786,489 |
| Off-balance sheet consumer loans | 10,603,806 | 9,310,986 |
| Total average managed consumer loan portfolio | \$17, 435,530 | \$14, 097, 475 |

Since 1990, the Company has actively engaged in consumer loan securitization transactions. Securitization involves the transfer by the Company of a pool of loan receivables to an entity created for securitizations, generally a trust or other special purpose entity ("the trusts"). The credit quality of the receivables is supported by credit enhancements, which may be in various forms including a letter of credit, a cash collateral guaranty or account, or a subordinated interest in the receivables in the pool. Certificates representing undivided ownership interests in the receivables are sold to the public through an underwritten offering or to private investors in private placement transactions. The Company receives the proceeds of the sale. The Company retains an interest in the trusts ("seller's interest") equal to the amount of the receivables transferred to the trust in excess of the principal balance of the certificates. The Company's interest in the trusts varies as the amount of the excess receivables in the trusts fluctuates as the accountholders make principal payments and incur new charges on the selected accounts. The securitization generally results in the removal of the receivables, other than the seller's interest, from the Company's balance sheet for financial and regulatory accounting purposes.

The Company's relationship with its customers is not affected by the securitization. The company acts as a servicing agent and receives a fee for doing so.

Collections received from securitized receivables are used to pay interest to certificateholders, servicing and other fees, and are available to absorb the investors' share of credit losses. Amounts collected in excess of that needed to pay the above amounts are remitted to the Company, as described in Servicing and Securitizations Income.

Certificateholders in the Company's securitization program are generally entitled to receive principal payments either through monthly payments during an amortization period or in one lump sum after an accumulation period. Amortization may begin sooner in certain circumstances, including if the annualized portfolio yield (consisting, generally, of interest and fees) for a three-month period drops below the sum of the certificate rate payable to investors, loan servicing fees and net credit losses during the period.

Prior to the commencement of the amortization or accumulation period, all principal payments received on the trusts' receivables are reinvested in new receivables to maintain the principal balance of certificates. During the amortization period, the investors' share of principal payments is paid to the certificateholders until they are paid in full. During the accumulation period, the investors' share of principal payments is paid into a principal funding account designed to accumulate amounts so that the certificates can be paid in full on the expected final payment date.

Table 2 indicates the impact of the consumer loan securitizations on average earning assets, net interest margin and loan yield for the periods presented. The Company intends to continue to securitize consumer loans.

TABLE 2 - OPERATING DATA AND RATIOS
Three Months Ended March 31

| (dollars in thousands) | 1999 |  | 1998 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Reported: |  |  |  |  |
| Average earning assets | \$ | 8,878,408 | \$ | 6,708,901 |
| Net interest margin(1) |  | 10.49\% |  | 9.83\% |
| Loan yield |  | 19.03 |  | 19.19 |
| Managed: |  |  |  |  |
| Average earning assets | \$ | 19,482,214 | \$ | 16,019,887 |
| Net interest margin(1) |  | 10.59\% |  | 10.40\% |
| Loan yield |  | 17.11 |  | 17.45 |

(1) Net interest margin is equal to net interest income divided by average earning assets.

Risk Adjusted Revenue and Margin
The Company's products are designed with the objective of maximizing revenue for the level of risk undertaken. Management believes that comparable measures for external analysis are the risk adjusted revenue and risk adjusted margin of the managed portfolio. Risk adjusted revenue is defined as net interest income and non-interest income less net charge-offs. Risk adjusted margin measures risk adjusted revenue as a percentage of average earning assets. It considers not only the loan yield and net interest margin, but also the fee income associated with these products. By deducting net charge-offs, consideration is given to the risk inherent in these differing products.

The Company markets its card products to specific consumer segments. The terms of each card product are actively managed in an effort to maximize return at the consumer level, reflecting the risk and expected performance of the account. For example, card product terms typically include the ability to reprice individual accounts upwards or downwards based on the consumer's performance. In addition, since 1998, the Company has aggressively marketed low non-introductory rate cards to consumers with the best established credit profiles to take advantage of the favorable risk return characteristics of this consumer segment. Industry competitors have continuously solicited the Company's customers with similar interest rate strategies. Management believes the competition has put, and will continue to put, additional pressure on the Company's pricing strategies.

By applying its IBS and in response to dynamic competitive pressures, the Company also targets a significant amount of its marketing expense to other credit card product opportunities. Examples of such products include secured cards and other customized card products including affinity and co-branded cards, student cards and other cards targeted to certain markets that are underserved by the Company's competitors. These products do not have the immediate impact on managed loan balances of the balance transfer products but typically consist of lower credit limit accounts and balances that build over time. The terms of these customized card products tend to include annual membership fees and higher annual finance charge rates. The profile of the consumers targeted for these products, in some cases, may also tend to result in higher account delinquency rates and consequently higher past-due and overlimit fees as a percentage of loan receivables outstanding than the balance transfer products.

Table 3 provides income statement data and ratios for the Company's managed consumer loan portfolio. The causes of increases and decreases in the various components of risk adjusted revenue are discussed in further detail in subsequent sections of this analysis.

TABLE 3 - MANAGED RISK ADJUSTED REVENUE

|  | Three Months Ended March 31 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (dollars in thousands) |  | 1999 |  | 1998 |
| Mamaged Income Statement: |  |  |  |  |
| Net interest income | \$ | 515,653 | \$ | 416,711 |
| Non-interest income |  | 357,647 |  | 220,683 |
| Net charge-offs |  | $(171,129)$ |  | $(212,735)$ |
| Risk adjusted revenue | \$ | 702,171 | \$ | 424, 659 |
| Ratios(1): |  |  |  |  |
| Net interest margin |  | 10.59\% |  | 10.40\% |
| Non-interest income |  | 7.34 |  | 5.51 |
| Net charge-offs |  | (3.51) |  | (5.31) |
| Risk adjusted margin |  | 14.42\% |  | 10.60\% |

(1) As a percentage of average managed earning assets.

## Net Interest Income

Net interest income is interest and past-due fees earned from the Company's consumer loans and securities less interest expense on borrowings, which include interest-bearing deposits, other borrowings and borrowings from senior and deposit notes.

Reported net interest income for the three months ended March 31, 1999 was $\$ 232.8$ million, compared to $\$ 164.8$ million for the same period in the prior year, representing an increase of $\$ 68.0$ million, or $41 \%$. Net interest income increased as a result of a $32 \%$ increase in average earning assets for the three months ended March 31, 1999, versus the same period in 1998. The yield on earning assets increased 52 basis points for the three months ended March 31, 1999, to $15.91 \%$ from $15.39 \%$, as compared to the same period in the prior year. The increase was primarily attributable to the higher proportion of average consumer loans as a percentage of average earning assets offset by a 16 basis point decrease in the yield on consumer loans for the three months ended March 31, 1999, to $19.03 \%$ from $19.19 \%$, as compared to the same period in the prior year.

Managed net interest income increased $\$ 98.9$ million, or $24 \%$, for the three months ended March 31, 1999, compared to the same period in the prior year as managed average earning assets increased $22 \%$ and the managed net interest margin increased 19 basis points to $10.59 \%$. The increase in managed net interest margin principally reflects a decline in funding costs due to lower interest rates as compared to the same period in the prior year.

Table 4 provides average balance sheet data, an analysis of net interest income, net interest spread (the difference between the yield on earning assets and the cost of interest-bearing liabilities) and net interest margin for the three months ended March 31, 1999 and 1998.
table 4 - statements of average balances, income and expense, yields and rates

(1) Interest income includes past-due fees on loans of approximately $\$ 107,148$ and $\$ 75,951$ for the three months ended March 31, 1999 and 1998, respectively.

Interest Variance Analysis
Net interest income is affected by changes in the average interest rate earned on earning assets and the average interest rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities. In addition, net interest income is affected by changes in the volume of earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. Table 5 sets forth the dollar amount of the increases (decreases) in interest income and interest expense resulting from changes in the volume of earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities and from changes in yields and rates.

## TABLE 5 - INTEREST VARIANCE ANALYSIS

Three Months Ended
March 31, 1999 VS. 1998

| (in thousands) | Increase (Decrease) | ```Change Due To(1) Volume Yield/Rate``` |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Interest Income: |  |  |  |
| Consumer loans | \$ 95,429 | \$108, 442 | \$(13, 013) |
| Federal funds sold and resale agreements | $(3,591)$ | $(2,881)$ | (710) |
| Other | 3,191 | 13,132 | $(9,941)$ |
| Total interest income | 95,029 | 86,007 | 9,022 |
| Interest Expense: |  |  |  |
| Deposits | 9,804 | 9,509 | 295 |
| Other borrowings | 7,784 | 12,849 | $(5,065)$ |
| Senior and deposit notes | 9,466 | 8,761 | 705 |
| Total interest expense | 27,054 | 42,161 | $(15,107)$ |
| Net interest income(1) | \$67,975 | \$ 56, 268 | \$ 11,707 |

(1) The change in interest due to both volume and yield/rates has been allocated in proportion to the relationship of the absolute dollar amounts of the change in each. The changes in income and expense are calculated independently for each line in the table. The totals for the volume and yield/rate columns are not the sum of the individual lines.

## Servicing and Securitizations Income

In accordance with SFAS 125, the Company records gains or losses on the securitizations of consumer loan receivables on the date of sale based on the estimated fair value of assets sold and retained and liabilities incurred in the sale. Gains represent the present value of estimated excess cash flows the Company has retained over the estimated outstanding period of the receivables and are included in servicing and securitizations income. This excess cash flow essentially represents an "interest only" ("I/O") strip, consisting of the excess of finance charges and past-due fees over the sum of the return paid to certificateholders, estimated contractual servicing fees and credit losses. However, exposure to credit losses on the securitized loans is contractually limited to these cash flows.

Servicing and securitizations income increased \$103.3 million, or 61\%, to $\$ 272.0$ million for the three months ended March 31, 1999, from $\$ 168.7$ million in the same period in the prior year. This increase was primarily due to an increase of $14 \%$ in average off-balance sheet consumer loans and decreased charge-offs on such loans as a result of improving consumer credit.

Certain estimates inherent in the determination of the fair value of the I/O strip are influenced by factors outside the Company's control, and as a result, such estimates could materially change in the near term. Any future gains that will be recognized in accordance with SFAS 125 will be dependent on the timing and amount of future securitizations. The Company will continuously assess the performance of new and existing securitization transactions as estimates of future cash flows change.

Interchange income increased to $\$ 30.2$ million, or $104 \%$, for the three months ended March 31, 1999, compared to $\$ 14.8$ million for the same period in the prior year. This increase is primarily attributable to increased utilization from existing customers as well as new account growth. Service charges and other fees increased to $\$ 222.5$ million, or $68 \%$, for the three months ended March 31, 1999, compared to $\$ 132.4$ million for the same period in the prior year. This increase was primarily due to the increase in average accounts of $42 \%$ for the three months ended March 31, 1999, compared to the same period in the prior year, a shift to more fee-intensive products and changes in the terms of overlimit fees charged.

## Non-Interest Expense

Non-interest expense for the three months ended March 31, 1999 was $\$ 550.0$ million, an increase of $\$ 261.1$ million, or $90 \%$, over $\$ 288.9$ million for the same period in the prior year. Contributing to the increase in non-interest expense was marketing expense which increased $\$ 101.1$ million, or $135 \%$, to $\$ 176.1$ million for the three months ended March 31, 1999, from \$75.0 million for the same period in the prior year as the Company continued to invest in new product opportunities. Salaries and associate benefits expense increased $\$ 71.2$ million, or $66 \%$, for the three months ended March 31, 1999, from $\$ 108.0$ million for the same period in the prior year. All other non-interest expenses increased \$88.8 million, or $84 \%$, to $\$ 194.7$ million for the three months ended March 31, 1999, from $\$ 105.9$ million for the same period in the prior year. The increase in salaries and associate benefits expense and all other non-interest expenses was primarily a result of the $42 \%$ increase in the average number of accounts for the three months ended March 31, 1999, as well as the Company's continued expansion into new product and geographic markets, which resulted in an increase in staff and other operational costs associated with the Company's growth pattern.

## Income Taxes

The Company's income tax rate was $38 \%$ for the three months ended March 31, 1999 and 1998 and includes both state and federal income tax components.

## Asset Quality

The asset quality of a portfolio is generally a function of the initial underwriting criteria used, seasoning of the accounts, levels of competition, account management activities and demographic concentration, as well as general economic conditions. The seasoning of the accounts is also an important indicator of the delinquency and loss levels of the portfolio. Accounts tend to exhibit a rising trend of delinquency and credit losses as they season.

Table 6 shows the Company's consumer loan delinquency trends for the periods presented on a reported and managed basis. The entire balance of an account is contractually delinquent if the minimum payment is not received by the payment due date. Delinquencies not only have the potential to impact earnings if the account charges off, they also are costly in terms of the personnel and other resources dedicated to resolving the delinquencies.

TABLE 6 - DELINQUENCIES
March 31

|  | 1999 |  |  | 1998 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (dollars in thousands) |  | Loans | \% of Total Loans |  | Loans | \% of Total Loans |
| Reported: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loans outstanding | \$ | 7,245,847 | 100.00\% | \$ | 4,748,186 | 100.00\% |
| Loans delinquent: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30-59 days |  | 152,503 | 2.10 |  | 92,673 | 1.95 |
| 60-89 days |  | 80,479 | 1.11 |  | 59,435 | 1.25 |
| 90 or more days |  | 119,363 | 1.65 |  | 100, 971 | 2.13 |
| Total | \$ | 352, 345 | 4.86\% | \$ | 253, 079 | 5.33\% |
| Managed: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loans outstanding |  | 7, 444, 238 | 100.00\% |  | 4, 002, 249 | 100.00\% |
| Loans delinquent: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30-59 days |  | 325, 762 | 1.87 |  | 283, 346 | 2.02 |
| 60-89 days |  | 176,479 | 1.01 |  | 179,974 | 1.29 |
| 90 or more days |  | 292,564 | 1.68 |  | 342, 261 | 2.44 |
| Total | \$ | 794,805 | 4.56\% | \$ | 805,581 | 5.75\% |

The 30 -plus day delinquency rate for the reported consumer loan portfolio was $4.86 \%$ as of March 31, 1999, down 47 basis points from $5.33 \%$ as of March 31, 1998, and up 16 basis points from $4.70 \%$ as of December 31, 1998. The 30-plus day delinquency rate for the managed consumer loan portfolio was $4.56 \%$ as of March 31, 1999, down 119 basis points from 5.75\% as of March 31, 1998 and down 14 basis points from $4.70 \%$ as of December 31, 1998. Both the reported and managed consumer loan delinquency rate decreases as of March 31, 1999, principally reflected improvements in consumer credit performance and less seasoned accounts.

Net charge-offs include the principal amount of losses (excluding accrued and unpaid finance charges, fees and fraud losses) less current period recoveries. Table 7 shows the Company's net charge-offs for the periods presented on a reported and managed basis.

TABLE 7 - NET CHARGE-OFFS

|  | Three Months Ended March 31 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (dollars in thousands) | 1999 | 1998 |
| Reported: |  |  |
| Average loans outstanding | \$ 6,831,724 | \$ 4, 786,489 |
| Net charge-offs | 55,250 | 56,062 |
| Net charge-offs as a percentage of average loans outstanding | 3.23\% | 4.69\% |
| Managed: |  |  |
| Average loans outstanding | \$17, 435, 530 | \$14, 097,475 |
| Net charge-offs | 171,129 | 212,735 |
| Net charge-offs as a percentage of average loans outstanding | 3.93\% | 6.04\% |

Net charge-offs of managed loans decreased $\$ 41.6$ million, or $20 \%$, while average managed consumer loans grew $24 \%$ for the three months ended March 31, 1999, from the same period in the prior year. For the three months ended March 31, 1999, the Company's net charge-offs as a percentage of managed loans were $3.93 \%$, compared to $6.04 \%$ for the same period in the prior year. The decrease in reported and managed net charge-off rates were the result of improved general economic trends, a shift in portfolio mix to higher quality credit and improved recovery efforts.

Provision and Allowance for Loan Losses
The allowance for loan losses is maintained at the amount estimated to be sufficient to absorb probable future losses, net of recoveries (including recovery of collateral), inherent in the existing reported loan portfolio. The provision for loan losses is the periodic cost of maintaining an adequate allowance. Management believes that the allowance for loan losses is adequate to cover anticipated losses in the reported homogeneous consumer loan portfolio under current conditions. There can be no assurance as to future credit losses that may be incurred in connection with the Company's consumer loan portfolio, nor can there be any assurance that the loan loss allowance that has been established by the Company will be sufficient to absorb such future credit losses. The allowance is a general allowance applicable to the reported homogeneous consumer loan portfolio. The amount of allowance necessary is determined primarily based on a migration analysis of delinquent and current accounts. In evaluating the sufficiency of the allowance for loan losses, management also takes into consideration the following factors: recent trends in delinquencies and charge-offs including bankrupt, deceased and recovered amounts; historical trends in loan volume; forecasting uncertainties and size of credit risks; the degree of risk inherent in the composition of the loan portfolio; economic conditions; credit evaluations and underwriting policies.

Table 8 sets forth the activity in the allowance for loan losses for the periods indicated. See "Asset Quality," "Delinquencies" and "Net Charge-Offs" for a more complete analysis of asset quality.

TABLE 8 - SUMMARY OF ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES

|  | Three Months Ended March 31 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (dollars in thousands) |  | 1999 |  | 1998 |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$ | 231,000 | \$ | 183, 000 |
| Provision for loan losses |  | 74,586 |  | 85,866 |
| Other |  | 664 |  | 196 |
| Charge-offs |  | $(80,395)$ |  | $(67,038)$ |
| Recoveries |  | 25,145 |  | 10,976 |
| Net charge-offs |  | $(55,250)$ |  | $(56,062)$ |
| Balance at end of period | \$ | 251, 000 | \$ | 213,000 |
| Allowance for loan losses to loans at period-end |  | 3.46\% |  | 4.49\% |

For the three months ended March 31, 1999, the provision for loan losses decreased to $\$ 74.6$ million, or $13 \%$, as the reported charge-off rate decreased to $3.23 \%$ from $4.69 \%$ for the comparable period in the prior year, offset by an increase in average reported loans of $43 \%$. The allowance for loan losses as a percentage of reported consumer loans decreased to $3.46 \%$ as of March 31, 1999, from 4.49\% as of March 31, 1998 as reported loans increased to \$7.2 billion as of March 31, 1999, an increase of $53 \%$ from March 31, 1998. For the three months ended March 31, 1999, the Company increased the allowance for loan losses by $\$ 20$ million primarily due to the growth in reported loans.

Funding
The Company has established access to a wide range of domestic funding alternatives, in addition to securitization of its consumer loans. The Company primarily issues senior unsecured debt of the Bank through its $\$ 8.0$ billion bank note program, of which $\$ 4.3$ billion was outstanding as of March 31, 1999, with original terms of one to ten years.

Internationally, the Company has funding programs designed for foreign investors or to raise funds in foreign currencies. The Company has accessed the international securitization market for a number of years with both US\$ and foreign denominated transactions. Both of the Company's committed revolving credit facilities offer foreign currency funding options. The Bank has established a $\$ 1.0$ billion Euro Debt Issuance program that is targeted to non-U.S. investors. The Company funds its foreign assets by directly or synthetically borrowing or securitizing in the local currency to mitigate the financial statement effect of currency translation.

The Company has significantly expanded its retail deposit gathering efforts through both direct and broker marketing channels. The Company uses its IBS capabilities to test and market a variety of retail deposit origination strategies, as well as to develop customized account management programs. As of March 31, 1999, the Company had $\$ 2.2$ billion in interest-bearing deposits, with original maturities up to five years.

Table 9 shows the maturation of certificates of deposit in denominations of $\$ 100,000$ or greater ("large denomination CDs") as of March 31, 1999.

TABLE 9 - MATURITIES OF LARGE DENOMINATION CERTIFICATES-\$100,000 OR MORE

|  | March 31, 1999 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (dollars in thousands) |  | Balance | Percent |
| Three months or less | \$ | 100, 072 | 18.04\% |
| Over 3 through 6 months |  | 21, 054 | 3.79 |
| Over 6 through 12 months |  | 115,141 | 20.76 |
| Over 12 months through 5 years |  | 318,490 | 57.41 |
| Total | \$ | 554,757 | 100.00\% |

The Company's other borrowings portfolio consists of $\$ 1.2$ billion in borrowings maturing within one year and $\$ 15.3$ million in borrowings maturing after one year.

Table 10 shows the Company's unsecured funding availability and outstandings as of March 31, 1999.

## TABLE 10 - FUNDING AVAILABILITY

|  | March 31, 1999 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (dollars or dollar equivalents in millions) | Effective/ Issue Date | Availability(1) | Outstanding | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Final } \\ & \text { Maturity(4) } \end{aligned}$ |
| Domestic revolving credit facility | 11/96 | \$1,700 |  | 11/00 |
| UK/Canada revolving credit facility | 8/97 | 350 | \$ 183 | 8/00 |
| Senior bank note program(2) | 4/97 | 8,000 | 4,281 | - |
| Non-U.S. bank note program | 10/97 | 1,000 | 5 | - |
| Corporation Shelf Registration | 7/98 | 625 | 324 | - |
| Deposit note program | 4/97 | 2,000 |  | - |
| Capital securities(3) | 1/97 | 100 | 98 | 2/27 |

(1) All funding sources are revolving except for the Corporation Shelf Registration and the floating rate junior subordinated capital income securities. Funding availability under the credit facilities is subject to compliance with certain representations, warranties and covenants. Funding availability under all other sources is subject to market conditions.
(2) Includes availability to issue up to $\$ 200$ million of subordinated bank notes, none outstanding as of March 31, 1999.
(3) Qualifies as Tier 1 capital at the Corporation and Tier 2 capital at the Bank.
(4) Maturity date refers to the date the facility terminates, where applicable.

The domestic revolving credit facility is comprised of two tranches: a $\$ 1.375$ billion Tranche A facility available to the Bank and the Savings Bank, including an option for up to $\$ 225$ million in multi-currency availability, and a $\$ 325$ million Tranche B facility available to the Corporation, the Bank and the Savings Bank, including an option for up to $\$ 100$ million in multi-currency availability. The borrowings of the Savings Bank are limited to $\$ 750$ million. The commitment terminates on November 24, 2000; however, it may be extended for an additional one-year period.

The UK/Canada revolving credit facility is used to finance the Company's expansion in the United Kingdom and Canada. The facility is comprised of two tranches: a Tranche A facility in the amount of (pound)156.5 million ( $\$ 249.8$ million equivalent based on the exchange rate at closing) and a Tranche B facility in the amount of C $\$ 139.6$ million ( $\$ 100.2$ million equivalent based on the exchange rate at closing). An amount of (pound)34.6 million or $C \$ 76.9$ million ( $\$ 55.2$ million equivalent based on the exchange rates at closing) may be transferred between the Tranche A facility and the Tranche B facility, respectively, upon the request of the Company. The Corporation serves as the guarantor of all borrowings under the UK/Canada revolving facility. The commitment terminates on August 29, 2000; however, it may be extended for two additional one-year periods.

The Corporation has two shelf registration statements under which the Corporation from time to time may offer and sell (i) senior or subordinated debt securities, consisting of debentures, notes and/or other unsecured evidences, (ii) preferred stock, which may be issued in the form of depository shares evidenced by depository receipts and (iii) common stock. The amount of securities registered is limited to a $\$ 625$ million aggregate public offering price or its equivalent (based on the applicable exchange rate at the time of sale) in one or more foreign currencies, currency units or composite currencies as shall be designated by the Corporation. The Corporation issued $\$ 225$ million of seven-year fixed rate senior notes in April 1999, $\$ 200$ million of ten-year fixed rate senior notes in July 1998 and $\$ 125$ million of seven-year fixed rate senior notes in December 1996. The remaining amount of securities available for issuance under the Corporation's shelf registrations is $\$ 75$ million.

## Liquidity

Liquidity refers to the Company's ability to meet its cash needs. The Company meets its cash requirements by securitizing assets, gathering deposits and through issuing debt. As discussed in "Managed Consumer Loan Portfolio," a significant source of liquidity for the Company has been the securitization of consumer loans. Maturity terms of the existing securitizations vary from 1999 to 2008 and typically have accumulation periods during which principal payments are aggregated to make payments to investors. As payments on the loans are accumulated and are no longer reinvested in new loans, the Company's funding requirements for such new loans increase accordingly. The occurrence of certain events may cause the securitization transactions to amortize earlier than scheduled, which would accelerate the need for funding.

As such loans amortize or are otherwise paid, the Company believes it can securitize consumer loans, purchase federal funds and establish other funding sources to fund the amortization or other payment of the securitizations in the future, although no assurance can be given to that effect. Additionally, the Company maintains a portfolio of high-quality securities such as U.S. Treasuries and other U.S. government obligations, commercial paper, interest-bearing deposits with other banks, federal funds and other cash equivalents in order to provide adequate liquidity and to meet its ongoing cash needs. As of March 31, 1999, the Company held $\$ 1.8$ billion in such securities.

## Capital Adequacy

The Bank and the Savings Bank are subject to capital adequacy guidelines adopted by the Federal Reserve Board (the "Federal Reserve") and the Office of Thrift Supervision (the "OTS") (collectively, the "regulators"), respectively. The capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action require the Bank and the Savings Bank to maintain specific capital levels based upon quantitative measures of their assets, liabilities and off-balance sheet items.

The most recent notifications received from the regulators categorized the Bank and the Savings Bank as "well-capitalized." To be categorized as "well-capitalized," the Bank and the Savings Bank must maintain minimum capital ratios as set forth in Table 11. As of March 31, 1999, there were no conditions or events since the notifications discussed above that management believes would have changed either the Bank or the Savings Bank's capital category.

(1) Until June 30, 1999, the Savings Bank is subject to capital requirements that exceed minimum capital adequacy requirements, including the requirement to maintain a minimum Core Capital ratio of $8 \%$ and a Total Capital ratio of $12 \%$.

During 1996, the Bank received regulatory approval and established a branch office in the United Kingdom. In connection with such approval, the Company committed to the Federal Reserve that, for so long as the Bank maintains a branch in the United Kingdom, the Company will maintain a minimum Tier 1 Leverage ratio of $3.0 \%$. As of March 31, 1999, the Company's Tier 1 Leverage ratio was 13.06\%.

Additionally, certain regulatory restrictions exist which limit the ability of the Bank and the Savings Bank to transfer funds to the Corporation. As of March 31, 1999, retained earnings of the Bank of $\$ 89.3$ million were available for payment of dividends to the Corporation without prior approval by the Federal Reserve.

## Off-Balance Sheet Risk

The Company is subject to off-balance sheet risk in the normal course of business including commitments to extend credit, reduce the interest rate sensitivity of its securitization transactions and its off-balance sheet financial instruments. The Company enters into interest rate swap agreements in the management of its interest rate exposure. The Company also enters into forward foreign currency exchange contracts and currency swaps to reduce its sensitivity to changing foreign currency exchange rates. These off-balance sheet financial instruments involve elements of credit, interest rate or foreign currency exchange rate risk in excess of the amount recognized on the balance sheet. These instruments also present the Company with certain credit, market, legal and operational risks. The Company has established credit policies for off-balance sheet instruments as it has for on-balance sheet instruments.

## Interest Rate Sensitivity

Interest rate sensitivity refers to the change in earnings that may result from changes in the level of interest rates. To the extent that managed interest income and expense do not respond equally to changes in interest rates, or that all rates do not change uniformly, earnings could be affected. The Company's managed net interest income is affected by changes in short-term interest rates, primarily LIBOR, as a result of its issuance of interest-bearing deposits, variable rate loans and variable rate securitizations. The Company manages and mitigates its interest rate sensitivity through several techniques which include, but are not limited to, changing the maturity, repricing and distribution of assets and liabilities and entering into interest rate swaps.

The Company measures exposure to its interest rate risk through the use of a simulation model. The model generates a distribution of possible twelve-month managed net interest income outcomes based on (i) a set of plausible interest rate scenarios, as determined by management based upon historical trends and market expectations, (ii) all existing financial instruments, including swaps, and (iii) an estimate of ongoing business activity over the coming twelve months. The Company's asset/liability management policy requires that based on this distribution there be at least a $95 \%$ probability that managed net interest income achieved over the coming twelve months will be no more than $3 \%$ below the mean managed net interest income of the distribution. As of March 31, 1999, the Company was in compliance with the policy; more than $95 \%$ of the outcomes generated by the model produced a managed net interest income of no more than $1.0 \%$ below the mean outcome. The interest rate scenarios evaluated as of March 31, 1999, included scenarios in which short-term interest rates rose by as much as 400 basis points or fell by as much as 175 basis points

## over twelve months.

The analysis does not consider the effects of the changed level of overall economic activity associated with various interest rate scenarios. Further, in the event of a rate change of large magnitude, management would likely take actions to further mitigate its exposure to any adverse impact. For example, management may reprice interest rates on outstanding credit card loans subject to the right of the consumers in certain states to reject such repricing by giving timely written notice to the Company and thereby relinquishing charging privileges. However, the repricing of credit card loans may be limited by competitive factors as well as certain legal constraints.

Interest rate sensitivity at a point in time can also be analyzed by measuring the mismatch in balances of earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities that are subject to repricing in future periods.

## BUSINESS OUTLOOK

Earnings, Goals and Strategies

This business outlook section summarizes the Company's expectations for earnings for the year ending December 31, 1999, and its primary goals and strategies for continued growth. The statements contained in this section are based on management's current expectations. Certain statements are forward looking and, therefore, actual results could differ materially. Factors which could materially influence results are set forth throughout this section and in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998 (Part I, Item 1, Risk Factors).

The Company has set an earnings target increase of approximately $30 \%$ over 1998 earnings and a return on equity in excess of 20\%. As discussed elsewhere in this report and below, the Company's actual earnings are a function of its revenues (net interest income and non-interest income on its earning assets), consumer usage and payment patterns, credit quality of its earning assets (which affects fees and charge-offs), marketing expenses and operating expenses.

## Product and Market Opportunities

The Company's strategy for future growth has been, and is expected to continue to be, to apply its proprietary IBS to its lending business as well as to other businesses, both financial and non-financial, including telecommunications services. The Company will seek to identify new product opportunities and to make informed investment decisions regarding new and existing products. The Company's lending and other financial and non-financial products are subject to competitive pressures, which management anticipates will increase as these markets mature.

Lending. Lending includes credit card and other consumer lending products. Credit card opportunities include, and are expected to continue to include, low introductory and intermediate rate balance transfer products, low non-introductory rate products, as well as other customized credit card products, such as secured cards, affinity and co-branded cards, student cards and other cards tailored for specific consumer segments. The company expects continued growth across a broad spectrum of new and existing customized products, which are distinguished by a varied range of credit lines, pricing structures and other characteristics. For example, the company's low non-introductory rate products, which are marketed to consumers with the best established credit profiles, are characterized by higher credit lines, lower yields and an expectation of lower delinquencies and credit losses than the traditional low introductory rate balance transfer products. On the other hand, certain other customized card products are characterized by lower credit lines, higher yields (including fees) and in some cases, higher delinquencies and credit losses than the Company's traditional products. These products also involve higher operational costs but exhibit better response rates, less adverse selection, less attrition and a greater ability to reprice than the Company's traditional introductory rate products. More importantly, as a whole, all of these customized products continue to have less volatile returns than the traditional products in recent market conditions.

On July 31, 1998, the Company completed the acquisition of Summit Acceptance Corporation ("Summit"), a Texas corporation. Summit is an indirect automobile finance lender located in Dallas, Texas. Summit is the Company's platform to test and apply its IBS to the automobile loan market.

Telecommunications. The Company expects to continue its efforts to market telecommunications services through its subsidiary America One Communications, Inc. ("America One"). America One's initial business, the reselling of wireless services through direct marketing channels, has recently begun to experience growth in the number of customers and accounts. As a result of the expenses necessary to build the operations to support this new business and to acquire new accounts, to date this business negatively impacts earnings.

International Expansion. The Company has expanded its existing operations outside of the United States, with an initial focus on the United Kingdom and Canada. The Company has experienced growth in the number of accounts and loan balances in its international business. To support the continued growth of its United Kingdom business and any future business in Europe, the Company opened a new operations center in Nottingham, England in July 1998 and expanded it in early 1999.

The Company will continue to apply its IBS in an effort to balance the mix of credit card products with other financial and non-financial products and services to optimize profitability within the context of acceptable risk. The Company's growth through expansion and product diversification will be affected by the ability to internally build or acquire the necessary operational and organizational infrastructure, recruit experienced personnel and fund these new businesses. Although management believes it has the personnel, financial resources and business strategy necessary for continued success, there can be no assurance that the Company's historical financial performance will necessarily reflect its results of operations and financial condition in the future.

## Marketing Investment

The Company expects its 1999 marketing expenses to exceed 1998's expense level, as the Company continues to invest in its various credit card products and services, and other financial and non-financial products and services. The Company cautions, however, that an increase in marketing expenses does not necessarily equate to a comparable increase in outstanding balances or accounts based on historical results. As the Company's portfolio continues to increase, additional growth to offset attrition requires increasing amounts of marketing. Intense competition in the credit card market has resulted in a decrease in credit card response rates and reduced productivity of marketing dollars invested in certain lines of business. In addition, the cost to acquire new accounts varies across product lines and is expected to rise as the Company moves beyond the domestic card business. With competition affecting the profitability of existing introductory rate card products, the Company has been allocating, and expects to continue to allocate, a greater portion of its marketing expense to other customized credit card products and other financial and non-financial products. Additionally, the cost to acquire an America One wireless account includes the cost of providing a free phone to the customer, and consequently is substantially more than the cost to acquire a credit card account. The Company intends to continue a flexible approach in its allocation of marketing expenses. The actual amount of marketing investment is subject to a variety of external and internal factors, such as competition in the consumer credit industry, general economic conditions affecting consumer credit performance, the asset quality of the Company's portfolio and the identification of market opportunities across product lines that exceed the Company's targeted rates of return on investment.

The amount of marketing expense allocated to various products or businesses will influence the characteristics of the Company's portfolio as the various products or businesses are characterized by different account growth, loan growth and asset quality characteristics. The Company currently expects continued strong account growth and loan growth in 1999. Actual growth, however, may vary significantly depending on the Company's actual product mix and the level of attrition on the Company's managed portfolio, which is primarily affected by competitive pressures.

Impact of Delinquencies, Charge-Offs and Attrition
The Company's earnings are particularly sensitive to delinquencies and charge-offs on the Company's portfolio and on the level of attrition due to competition in the credit card industry. As delinquency levels fluctuate, the resulting amount of past-due and overlimit fees, which are significant sources of revenue for the Company, will also fluctuate. Further, the timing of revenues from increasing or decreasing delinquencies precedes the related impact of higher or lower charge-offs that ultimately result from varying levels of delinquencies. Delinquencies and net charge-offs are impacted by general economic trends in consumer credit performance, including bankruptcies, the continued seasoning of the Company's portfolio and the product mix.

The Company's expectations for 1999 earnings are based on management's belief that the average credit quality of the Company's assets is improving. Management expects that during the first half of 1999 delinquencies and charge-offs will remain stable. Management projects, however, that charge-off levels may increase in the second half of 1999. Management cautions that delinquency and charge-off levels are not always predictable and may vary from projections. In the case of an economic downturn or recession, delinquencies and charge-offs are likely to increase. In addition, competition in the credit card industry, as measured by the volume of mail solicitations, remains very high. Increased competition can affect the Company's earnings by increasing attrition of the Company's outstanding loans (thereby reducing interest and fee income) and by making it more difficult to retain and attract more profitable customers.

## The Year 2000 Issue and the Company's State of Readiness

The year 2000 problem is a result of computer systems using two digits rather than four digits to define an applicable year. The Company utilizes a significant number of internal computer software programs and operating systems across its entire organization. In addition, the Company depends on its external business vendors to provide external services for its operations. To the extent the software applications of the Company or its vendors contain codes that are unable to appropriately interpret the year 2000 and beyond, some level of modification, or even possibly replacement of such applications, may be necessary.

In October 1996, the Company formed a year 2000 project office to identify software systems and computer-related devices that required modification for the year 2000. Shortly after its inception, the project office developed its strategy for the Company's information technology computer-based systems. This strategy is based, in large part, on the regulatory guidelines published by the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Counsel. This strategy calls for five milestones:
o renovation of those systems and their date coding functions;
o validation (testing) of renovations; and
o implementation of all renovations made.
To implement this strategy, the Company categorized its information technology ("IT") systems into year 2000 projects and by domestic lending, United Kingdom operations, America One and Summit. Approximately $80 \%$ of the projects have completed all milestones, which includes substantially all of the Company's mission critical systems. Another $16 \%$ are in the validation and implementation stages, and the remaining $4 \%$ are in the assessment and renovation stages. The Company expects to complete all project milestones by the end of the second quarter. In addition to these milestones, the Company is conducting an internal audit certification of its testing measures and, for systems with cross functionality, performing integrated testing.

The Company is also addressing the effect of the year 2000 on other non-IT systems, which are not included as part of the IT project areas set forth above. These non-IT systems primarily consist of desk top computer applications and data used by the Company's associates. The Company has inventoried and assessed these applications and data and expects to complete renovations by the end of the second quarter of 1999.

In addition, the Company utilizes outside business vendors in its day-to-day operations and is assessing the overall year 2000 readiness of its external business vendors and year 2000 compliance of specific vendor systems used in the Company's operations. These vendors include credit bureaus, collection agencies, utilities and other related service providers, third party processors, the U.S. postal service, telephone companies, technology vendors, and banks that are creditors of the Company or which provide cash management, trustee, paying agent, stock transfer agent or other services. These vendors also include third parties that the Company uses to outsource certain operations for America One, the United Kingdom and Summit. In assessing overall compliance, the Company requests information from its vendors about their actions to become year 2000 compliant, placing extensive focus on its high priority vendors. The Company, however, must rely on the actions of and the information provided by its vendors and cannot guarantee that vendor systems will, in fact, be compliant. For high priority vendors that the Company determines may not be taking appropriate and timely action or have failed to provide sufficient information, the Company will accelerate contingency planning efforts. The Company has increased its contingency efforts to accelerate the vendors' compliance efforts and/or internally build systems for America One's billing systems and the UK and Summit account processing systems. The Company will continue to actively monitor the efforts of all of its vendors and take actions to mitigate year 2000 issues resulting from any failure of its vendors to be year 2000 compliant.

The Company has established comprehensive contingency plans for its critical business units. The Company's general contingency planning strategy has been refined to include the achievement of four milestones: (i) inventory and assessment of year 2000 risks, (ii) business impact analysis, (iii) developing contingency plans to mitigate the risks, and (iv) testing and validation of these contingency plans. The Company has completed the first three milestones for all of its critical business units and plans have been documented to anticipate and mitigate the year 2000 risks that the Company may experience. In addition, the Company continues to place particular focus on contingency plans for its United Kingdom account processing system and its America One billing system. The Company is also conducting an overall corporate assessment to identify multiple unit, enterprise-wide issues and will develop broad based plans to take these issues into account during the second quarter of 1999 . The Company will continue to update contingency plans based on changes in its business situations throughout 1999.

## The Costs To Address the Company's Year 2000 Issues

As of March 31, 1999, the Company had spent approximately $\$ 7.1$ million for year 2000 remediation of its IT systems. During the first quarter of 1999, the Company revised its budget projections for a comprehensive integrated test and an independent quality review of all of its testing and contingency planning documentation. As a result, the Company increased its estimate for projected year 2000 costs to up to an additional $\$ 8$ million during the remainder of 1999. Included in this estimate is the cost of additional computer systems for expanded integrated testing and additional quality reviews. Costs associated with non-IT systems, which are not included, are not expected to be material.

## The Risks of the Company's Year 2000 Issues

Although the Company expects to have all of its system modifications completed and tested extensively by the onset of the new millennium, unforeseen problems could arise from not being year 2000 compliant. The Company's business is heavily reliant on computer technologies and problems could arise resulting in delays and malfunctions that may impact the Company's operations, liquidity and financial results. In addition, the Company cannot guarantee that all of its vendors will have completed system renovations and be compliant by the year 2000. Although the Company is developing contingency plans to mitigate the risks from third party vendors and systems, the failure of third parties to provide the Company with products, services or systems that meet year 2000 requirements could materially impact the Company's business and operations. For example, failure of the U.S. postal service, the Company's local and long distance carriers or its material third party processors to be year 2000 compliant could cause disruption or delay in the Company's ability to solicit new customers and service the accounts of its existing customers.

The estimated year 2000 costs and the Company's expectations that its systems, and those of its third-party partners and vendors, will be year 2000 compliant are forward looking statements. These statements are based on management's reasonable estimates and assumptions about future events and are subject to risks and uncertainties. Although the Company believes it has taken the necessary precautionary measures to assure the year 2000 will not adversely affect its business, there is no guarantee that the Company's year 2000 expectations will be achieved and actual results could differ materially.

The Company's strategies and objectives outlined above, and the other forward looking statements contained in this section, involve a number of risks and uncertainties. The Company cautions readers that any forward looking information is not a guarantee of future performance and that actual results could differ materially. In addition to the factors discussed above, among the other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially are the following: continued intense competition from numerous providers of products and services which compete with the Company's businesses; with respect to financial products, changes in the Company's aggregate accounts or consumer loan balances and the growth rate thereof, including changes resulting from factors such as shifting product mix, amount of actual marketing expenses made by the Company and attrition of accounts and loan balances; an increase in credit losses (including increases due to a worsening of general economic conditions); the ability of the Company to continue to securitize its credit cards and consumer loans and to otherwise access the capital markets at attractive rates and terms to fund its operations and future growth; difficulties or delays in the development, production, testing and marketing of new products or services; losses associated with new products or services or expansion internationally; financial, legal, regulatory or other difficulties that may affect investment in, or the overall performance of, a product or business, including changes in existing laws to regulate further the credit card and consumer loan industry and the financial services industry, in general; the amount of, and rate of growth in, the Company's expenses (including salaries and associate benefits and marketing expenses) as the Company's business develops or changes or as it expands into new market areas; the availability of capital necessary to fund the Company's new businesses; the ability of the Company to build the operational and organizational infrastructure necessary to engage in new businesses or to expand internationally; the ability of the Company to recruit experienced personnel to assist in the management and operations of new products and services; the ability of the Company and its suppliers to successfully address year 2000 compliance issues; and other factors listed from time to time in the Company's SEC reports, including, but not limited to, the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998 (Part I, Item 1, Risk Factors).
(a) The 1999 Annual Meeting of Stockholders was held April 29, 1999
(b) The following directors were elected at such meeting:

James A. Flick, Jr.
Patrick W. Gross
James V. Kimsey
The following directors will also continue in their office after such meeting:

> Richard D. Fairbank
> Nigel W. Morris
> W. Ronald Dietz
> Stanley I. Westreich
(c) The following matters were voted upon at such meeting:

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
James A. Flick, Jr. Patrick W. Gross James V. Kimsey

Item
Approval of 1994 Stock Incentive Plan, as amendment

Ratification of the selection of Ernst \& Young LLP as independent auditors of the Company for 1999

VOTES FOR

| $54,858,490$ | 270,391 |
| :--- | :--- |
| $54,873,797$ | 255,084 |


| $54,853,387$ | 275,494 |
| :--- | :--- |

Votes For Votes Against Abstain
$44,245,145 \quad 10,552,837 \quad 330,899$

54, 947, 288
39,422

Abstain

330, 899

142, 171

No other matter was voted upon at such meeting.

Item 6. Reports on Form 8-K
(a) The Company filed a Current Report on Form 8-K, dated January 19, 1999, Commission File No. 1-13300, enclosing its press release dated January 19, 1999.

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.

## CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

## (Registrant)

Date: May 17, 1999
/s/ David M. Willey

David M. Willey
Senior Vice President,
Finance and Accounting
(Chief Accounting Officer and duly authorized officer of the Registrant)
(Replace this text with the legend)
1,000

| 3-mos |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Dec-31-1999 |
|  | Jan-01-1999 |
|  | Mar-31-1999 |
|  | 47,317 |
|  | 1,770,398 |
|  | 7,245,847 |
|  | 251, 000 |
|  | 0 |
| 0 |  |
| 283, 159 |  |
| 0 |  |
| 10, 151, 627 |  |
| 0 |  |
| 0 |  |
| $\bigcirc$ |  |
|  | 0 |
|  | 666 |
|  | 1,318,546 |
| $10,151,627$ |  |
|  | 0 |
| 877,697 |  |
|  | $\bigcirc$ |
| 549,968 |  |
| 0 |  |
| 74,586 |  |
| 120,274 |  |
| 132,869 |  |
| 50,490 |  |
| 82,379 |  |
| 0 |  |
| $\bigcirc$ |  |
|  | 0 |
|  | 82,379 |
|  | 1.25 |
|  | 1.18 |


[^0]:    See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

