FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC /DE/
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March 10, 2003

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: March 10, 2003

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC.

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-and-

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Delaware	1-13536	13-3324058
(State of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

Federated Department Stores, Inc. ("Federated"), today posted the following weekly sales update on its Internet website:

> "This is the update for the first week of March 2003 including sales from Sunday March 2nd through Saturday March 8th. The five week fiscal month of March runs from March 2nd through April 5th this year.
>
> Our expectations for the month of March are for comp store sales to be down in the range of -3% to -4%. This continues to be our best guidance."

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This release contains certain forward-looking statements that reflect current views of the financial performance and future events of Federated. The words "expect", "plan", "anticipate", "believe" and

other similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. Any such forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties. Future results of the operations of Federated could differ materially from historical results or current expectations due to a variety of factors that affect Federated, including competitive pressures from specialty stores, general merchandise stores, manufacturers' outlets, off-price and discount stores, new and established forms of home shopping (including the Internet, mail-order catalogues and television) and general consumer spending levels, including the impact of the availability and level of consumer debt, and the effect of weather.

SIGNATURE

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.

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC.

Dated: March 10, 2003

By: /s/ Karen M. Hoguet
Name: Karen M. Hoguet
Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer