

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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[] Form 3 Holdings Reported

[] Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
BALLOUN	JAMES	S.	ACUITY BRANDS, INC. (AYI)		[X] Director [] 10% Owner	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)		[X] Officer (give title below) [] Other (specify below)	
C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400			4. Statement for Month/Year 08/31/2002		CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	
(Street)			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) [X] Form filed by One Reporting Person [] Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
ATLANTA	GEORGIA	30309				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I-- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
COMMON SHARES						50,934	I	Family LP	
COMMON SHARES						103,411	D	(FN 1)	
COMMON SHARES						139	D	401(k)	

*If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$27.76						Immed.	1/2/06
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$32.46						Immed.	9/16/06
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$37.85						Immed.	9/22/07
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$29.95						(FN 2.)	9/21/08
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$23.65						(FN 3.)	1/4/10
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$23.65						Immed.	1/4/10
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$16.60						Immed.	10/3/10
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$16.50						(FN 4.)	10/24/10
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$13.80						(FN 5.)	12/2/11

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
COMMON STOCK	292,647		292,647	D	
COMMON STOCK	52,676		52,676	D	

