

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

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)	
MURPHY	KENYON	W.	ACUITY BRANDS, INC. (AYI)		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Sr. Vice President and General Counsel (FN 1)	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)		4. Statement for Month/Year	
C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400					08/31/02	
(Street)					5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)	
ATLANTA	GEORGIA	30309			7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(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 STOCK							2,712 (FN 2)	D	
COMMON STOCK							949	I	401(k)
COMMON STOCK							15	I	By Sons

\*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	\$20.72	9/16/92	9/16/92	A	2,341(FN3)		Immed.	9/16/02
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$22.42	9/21/94	9/21/94	A	4,682(FN4)		Immed.	9/20/04
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$26.27	9/20/95	9/20/95	A	2,341(FN5)		Immed.	9/19/05
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$32.46	9/17/96	9/17/96	A	3,511(FN6)		Immed.	9/16/06
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$37.85	9/23/97	9/23/97	A	5,852(FN7)		Immed.	9/22/07
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$29.95	9/22/98	9/22/98	A	5,852(FN8)		(FN8)	9/21/08
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$23.65	1/5/00	1/5/00	A	5,267(FN9)		(FN9)	1/4/10

EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$16.50	10/24/00	10/24/00	A	41,789(FN10)	(FN10)	10/23/10
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$13.80	12/3/01	12/3/01	A	108,169(FN11)	(FN11)	12/2/11
STOCK UNITS (FN12)	1 FOR 1	12/31/01	12/31/01	A	30(FN13)	(FN13)	(FN13)
		TO 8/1/02	TO 8/1/02				

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 SHARES	2,341	N/A	2,341	D	
COMMON SHARES	4,682	N/A	4,682	D	
COMMON SHARES	2,341	N/A	2,341	D	
COMMON SHARES	3,511	N/A	3,511	D	
COMMON SHARES	5,852	N/A	5,852	D	
COMMON SHARES	5,852	N/A	5,852	D	
COMMON SHARES	5,267	N/A	5,267	D	
COMMON SHARES	41,789	N/A	41,789	D	
COMMON SHARES	108,169	N/A	108,169	D	
COMMON SHARES	30	N/A	1,005(FN14)	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- FN 1. Mr. Murphy served as a director of the Issuer until the spin-off of the Issuer from National Service Industries ("NSI").
- FN 2. Includes 451 shares held in a Section 423 stock purchase plan and 900 performance-based, time-vesting restricted shares.
- FN 3. Represents an employee stock option granted by NSI for 2,000 common shares which was subsequently replaced with an employee stock option for 2,341 common shares of the Issuer pursuant to a formula set forth in the Employee Benefits Agreement between NSI and Issuer in connection with the spin-off of the Issuer from NSI. Options relating to 2,341 shares are currently vested.
- FN 4. Represents an employee stock option granted by NSI for 4,000 common shares which was subsequently replaced with an employee stock option for 4,682 common shares of the Issuer pursuant to a formula set forth in the Employee Benefits Agreement between NSI and Issuer in connection with the spin-off of the Issuer from NSI. Options relating to 4,682 shares are currently vested.
- FN 5. Represents an employee stock option granted by NSI for 2,000 common shares which was subsequently replaced with an employee stock option for 2,341 common shares of the Issuer pursuant to a formula set forth in the Employee Benefits Agreement between NSI and Issuer in connection with the spin-off of the Issuer from NSI. Options relating to 2,341 shares are currently vested.
- FN 6. Represents an employee stock option granted by NSI for 3,000 common shares which was subsequently replaced with an employee stock option for 3,511 common shares of the Issuer pursuant to a formula set forth in the Employee Benefits Agreement between NSI and Issuer in connection with the spin-off of the Issuer from NSI. Options relating to 3,511 shares are currently vested.
- FN 7. Represents an employee stock option granted by NSI for 5,000 common shares which was subsequently replaced with an employee stock option for 5,852 common shares of the Issuer pursuant to a formula set forth in the Employee Benefits Agreement between NSI and Issuer in connection with the spin-off of the Issuer from NSI. Options relating to 5,852 shares are currently vested.
- FN 8. Represents an employee stock option granted by NSI for 5,000 common shares which was subsequently replaced with an employee stock option for 5,852 common shares of the Issuer pursuant to a formula set forth in the Employee Benefits Agreement between NSI and Issuer in connection with the spin-off of the Issuer from NSI. Options relating to 4,169 shares are currently vested and options for an additional 1,683 shares will become exercisable on 9/22/2002.
- FN 9. Represents an employee stock option granted by NSI for 4,500 common shares which was subsequently replaced with an employee stock option for 5,267 common shares of the Issuer pursuant to a formula set forth in the Employee Benefits Agreement between NSI and Issuer in connection with the spin-off of the Issuer from NSI. Options relating to 2,633 shares are currently vested and options for an additional 1,317 shares will become exercisable on 1/5/2003 and 1,317 shares will become exercisable on 1/5/2004.
- FN10. Represents an employee stock option granted by NSI for 35,700 common shares which was subsequently replaced with an employee stock option for 41,789 common shares of the Issuer pursuant to a formula set forth in the Employee Benefits Agreement between NSI and Issuer in connection with the spin-off of the Issuer from NSI. Options relating to 10,447 shares are currently vested and options for an additional 10,447 shares will become exercisable on 10/24/2002, 10,447 shares will become exercisable on 10/24/2003 and 10,448 shares will become exercisable on 10/24/2004.
- FN11. This Option vests in three annual installments with 36,057 shares becoming exercisable on 12/3/2002, 36,056 shares becoming exercisable on 12/3/2003 and 36,056 shares becoming exercisable on 12/3/2004.
- FN12. Stock Units held in Acuity Brands Supplemental Deferred Savings Plan that will be paid in cash according to the Plan's provisions.
- FN13. During the period reported, dividends paid resulted in an increase of 30 stock units at valuation prices ranging from \$13.03 to \$18.48.
- FN14. Represents an aggregate balance of Issuer stock units resulting from (a) 834 NSI stock units accrued pursuant to the NSI Supplemental Deferred Savings Plan which were subsequently replaced with 976 Issuer stock units in connection with the spin-off of the Issuer from NSI, and (b) the transactions described in this Form 5.

/s/ Kenyon W. Murphy  
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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

10/14/02  
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Date

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.  
See 18 U.S.C 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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