

MIDDLEBY CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 14, 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 (Date of earliest event reported): March 13, 2003

**THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Commission File No. 1-9973

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**36-3352497**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**1400 Toastmaster Drive, Elgin, Illinois**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**60120**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone No., including Area Code

**(847) 741-3300**

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**Item 5. Other Events**

On March 13, 2003, The Middleby Corporation ( the company ) issued a press release announcing the company s participation in an institutional investor conference to be held in Dana Point, California on March 18, 2003.

**Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated March 13, 2003 of The Middleby Corporation.

***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 thereunto duly authorized.

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

Date March 14, 2003

By:/s/ David B. Baker

David B. Baker  
Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer  
and Secretary

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