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May 16, 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): May 16, 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

Item 5. Other Events

On May 16, 2003, The Middleby Corporation issued a press release announcing management changes. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated May 16, 2003 of The Middleby Corporation.

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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

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undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

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(Registrant)

Date May 16, 2003

By: /s/ David B. Baker

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

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