UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 2, 2004 Commission file number: 1-5128

MEREDITH CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

IOWA

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

42-0410230 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1716 Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa (Address of principal executive offices)

50309-3023 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 515-284-3000

Item 5. Other Events

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Meredith Corporation presented at the Merrill Lynch Advertising/Marketing, Information and Education Conference on March 2, 2004. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer William T. Kerr, Publishing Group President Stephen M. Lacy and Chief Financial Officer Suku V. Radia discussed company developments and responded to questions. The text of the presentation is attached as an exhibit. A live webcast of the conference is accessible to the public on the Company's website, <u>meredith.com</u>. The webcast will remain there through March 9, 2004.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits (c) Exhibits 99 Text of presentation at Merrill Lynch Advertising/Marketing, Information and Education Conference on March 2, 2004.

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.

MEREDITH CORPORATION Registrant

/s/ Suku V. Radia

Suku V. Radia Vice President - Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

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