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March 19, 2003

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: March 19, 2003

THE KROGER CO.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

An Ohio Corporation  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

No. 1-303  
(Commission File  
Number)

31-0345740  
(IRS Employer  
Number)

1014 Vine Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45201  
(Address of principal  
executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number: (513) 762-4000

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On March 19, 2003, Kroger representatives spoke at the Merrill Lynch Global Retail Leaders Conference in New York City. A copy of their remarks is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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 hereto duly authorized.

THE KROGER CO.

March 19, 2003

By: (Paul Heldman)  
Paul Heldman  
Senior Vice President, Secretary  
and General Counsel

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Exhibit
99.1	Remarks from Merrill Lynch Global Retail Leaders Conference.