COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES INC Form 8-K April 04, 2006

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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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): April 4, 2006

COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

NORTH CAROLINA (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-24626 (Commission File Number)

56-1886527 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

201 MARKET STREET, WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 28401 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (910) 343-0181

NOT APPLICABLE (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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  (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
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   Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
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   Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On April 4, 2006, Cooperative Bankshares, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that Frederick Willetts, III, the Company's Chairman and President, will be a guest speaker at the SouthEast Invest 2006 Conference on April 6, 2006 in Durham, North Carolina. A copy of the press release is attached to this Report as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits

Number Description ------99.1 Press Release dated April 4, 2006

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## SIGNATURES

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 hereunto duly authorized.

COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES, INC.

/s/ Todd L. Sammons

Todd L. Sammons Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Date: April 4, 2006