FORM 4

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U. S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol						6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
Cantrell	Wesley	E.		AnnTaylor Stores Corporation (ANN)									
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)									Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)
c/o AnnTaylor Stores Corporation 142 West 57 th Street				3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)				4. Statement for Month/Year May/2002			7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
(Street)				5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)				, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
New York	New York	10019											
(City)	(State)	(Zip)											
			Т	Cable I - Non-Deri	vative Se	curities A	Acquir	ed, Disposed	of, or Benefic	cially Owned			
• ` '				ransaction Date Ionth/ Day/ Year) 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)			4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Disposed	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
					Code	V	A	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)	Month (Instr. 4)	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$29.30 See Note 1	05/02/2002	A	V	3,000 See Note 2		05/02/2003	05/02/2012	Common Stock	3,000 See Note 2		3,000 See Note 2	D	
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Explanation of Responses:

(I) This num	ber reflects a	post - 3 for 2	2 stock spli	t exercise i	price.
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This number reflects a post - 3 for 2 stock split exercise programmer. (2)

/s/ Wesley E. Cantrell	05/31/2002		
** Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure