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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 10-K

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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____.

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 000-22062

UWHARRIE CAPITAL CORP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NORTH CAROLINA
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

56-1814206
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

132 NORTH FIRST STREET
ALBEMARLE, NORTH CAROLINA
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

28001
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone number, including area code: (704) 983-6181

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act

NONE

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$1.25 PER SHARE

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes No

State the aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates computed by reference to the price at which the common equity was last sold, or the average bid and asked price of such common equity, as of the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter. \$34,633,462

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock as of the latest practicable date:
7,593,929 shares of common stock outstanding as of March 6, 2009.

Documents Incorporated by Reference.

Portions of the Registrant's 2008 Annual Report to Shareholders are incorporated by reference into Part II of this report. Portions of the Registrant's definitive Proxy Statement dated March 31, 2009 are incorporated by reference into Part III of this report.

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As indicated below, portions of (i) the Registrant's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 and (ii) the Registrant's Proxy Statement dated March 31, 2009 for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held May 12, 2009 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission via EDGAR are incorporated by reference into Parts II and III of this report.

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AR Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008

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Uwharrie Capital Corp (the "Company") is a North Carolina bank holding company. The Company was organized on July 1, 1993 to become the bank holding company for the Bank of Stanly ("Stanly"), a North Carolina commercial bank chartered on September 28, 1983 and its three wholly-owned subsidiaries, The Strategic Alliance Corporation ("Strategic Alliance"), BOS Agency, Inc. ("BOS Agency") and Gateway Mortgage, Inc. ("Gateway"), a mortgage brokerage company acquired in August 2000. The Company also owns two non-bank subsidiaries, Strategic Investment Advisors, Inc. formed in 1999 and Uwharrie Mortgage, Inc. formed in 2004.

On January 19, 2000, the Company completed its acquisition of Anson BanCorp, Inc. and its subsidiary, Anson Savings Bank. The savings bank retained its North Carolina savings bank charter and became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. The savings bank operates under the name Anson Bank & Trust Co. ("Anson").

During 2002, the Company expanded its service area into the Cabarrus County market with two banking offices of Stanly. On April 10, 2003 the Company capitalized a new wholly-owned subsidiary bank, Cabarrus Bank & Trust Company ("Cabarrus" and together with Stanly and Anson, the "Banks"). As of that date, Cabarrus purchased the two branch offices of Stanly located in Cabarrus County in order to commence operation.

The Company and its subsidiaries are located in Stanly County, Anson County and Cabarrus County, North Carolina. The Company is community oriented, emphasizing the well-being of the people in its region above financial gain in directing its corporate decisions. In order to best serve its communities, the Company believes it must remain a strong, viable, independent financial institution. This means that the Company must evolve with today's quickly changing financial services industry. In 1993, the Company implemented its current strategy to remain a strong, independent community financial institution that is competitive with larger institutions and allows its service area to enjoy the benefits of a local financial institution and the strength its capital investment provides the community. This strategy consists of developing and expanding the Company's technological capabilities while recruiting and maintaining a workforce sensitive to the financial services needs of its customers. This strategy has provided the Company with the capacity to grow and leverage the high cost of delivering competitive services.

At December 31, 2008 the Company and related subsidiaries had 149 full-time and 29 part-time employees.

Business of the Banks

Stanly is a North Carolina chartered commercial bank, which was incorporated in 1983 and which commenced banking operations on January 26, 1984. Its main banking office is located at 167 North Second Street, Albemarle, North Carolina, and it operates four other banking offices located in Stanly County, North Carolina. Stanly is the only commercial bank headquartered in Stanly County.

Its operations are primarily retail oriented and directed to individuals and small to medium-sized businesses located in its market area, and its deposits and loans are derived primarily from customers in its geographical market. Stanly provides traditional commercial and consumer banking services, including personal and commercial checking and savings accounts, money market accounts, certificates of deposit, individual retirement accounts, and related business and individual banking services. Stanly's lending activities include commercial loans and various consumer-type loans to individuals, including installment loans, mortgage loans, equity lines of credit and overdraft checking credit. Stanly also offers internet banking, 24-hour

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telephone banking, and issues Visa® check cards, an electronic banking card, which functions as a point-of-sale card and allows its customers to access their deposit accounts at four branches of Stanly and at most automated teller machines of other banks linked to the STAR® or CIRRUS® networks. Stanly is licensed to offer MasterCard® credit cards. Stanly does not provide the services of a trust department.

Anson, acquired by the Company on January 19, 2000, was originally chartered in 1889 as Anson Building and Loan Association, a North Carolina chartered mutual savings institution. Later changed to Anson Savings Bank, it was converted to a stock-chartered institution in June 1998. As a subsidiary of the Company, Anson provides the same level of financial services to the Anson County market as those of Stanly described above. Its main office and banking location is 211 South Greene Street in Wadesboro, North Carolina.

Cabarrus, which opened on April 10, 2003, is a full-service commercial bank located in Cabarrus County. Its main office is located at 25 Palaside Drive, NE in Concord, North Carolina and it operates another branch in Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina. As a subsidiary of the Company, Cabarrus provides the same level of financial services as the Company's other banking subsidiaries.

Non-bank Subsidiaries

Stanly has three wholly-owned subsidiaries, BOS Agency, Strategic Alliance and Gateway. BOS Agency was formed during 1987 and engages in the sale of various insurance products, including annuities, life insurance, long-term care, disability insurance and Medicare supplements. Strategic Alliance was formed during 1989 as BOS Financial Corporation and, during 1993, adopted its current name. It is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and licensed by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") as a securities broker-dealer. Gateway is a mortgage brokerage company, acquired by Stanly in 2000.

The Company has two non-bank subsidiaries. Strategic Investment Advisors Inc., which is registered as an investment advisor with the Securities and Exchange Commission, began operations on April 1, 1999 and provides portfolio management services to customers in the Uwharrie Lakes Region. The Company established Uwharrie Mortgage, Inc., a subsidiary to serve in the capacity of trustee and substitute trustee under deeds of trust.

Competition

Commercial banking in North Carolina is extremely competitive, due in large part to statewide branching. The Company encounters significant competition from a number of sources, including other bank holding companies, commercial banks, thrift and savings and loan institutions, credit unions, and other financial institutions and financial intermediaries.

Among commercial banks, Stanly, Anson and Cabarrus compete in their market areas with some of the largest banking organizations in the state, several of which have hundreds of branches in North Carolina and billions of dollars in assets. Moreover, competition is not limited to financial institutions based in North Carolina. The enactment of federal legislation authorizing nationwide interstate banking has greatly increased the size and financial resources of some of the Company's competitors. Consequently, some competitors have substantially higher lending limits due to their greater total capitalization, and may perform functions for their customers that the Company currently does not offer. As a result, the Company could encounter increased competition in the future that may limit its ability to maintain or increase its market share or otherwise materially and adversely affect its business, results of operations and financial condition.

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Each of the Banks depends on its reputation as a community bank in its local market, direct customer contact, its ability to make credit and other business decisions locally, and personalized service to counter these competitive disadvantages.

Exposure to Local Economic Conditions

The Company's success is dependent to a significant extent upon economic conditions in Stanly, Anson and Cabarrus Counties, and more generally, in the Uwharrie Lakes Region. In addition, the banking industry in general is affected by economic conditions such as inflation, recession, unemployment and other factors beyond the Company's control. Economic recession over a prolonged period or other economic dislocation in Stanly, Anson and Cabarrus Counties and the Uwharrie Lakes Region could cause increases in non-performing assets and impair the values of real estate collateral, thereby causing operating losses, diminishing liquidity and erosion of capital. Although management believes its loan policy and review process results in sound and consistent credit decisions on its loans, there can be no assurance that future adverse changes in the economy in the Company's market area would not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Impact of Technological Advances; Upgrade to Company's Infrastructure

The banking industry is undergoing, and management believes it will continue to undergo, technological changes with frequent introductions of new technology-driven products and services, such as internet banking. In addition to improving customer services, the effective use of technology increases efficiency and enables financial institutions to reduce costs. The Company's future success will depend, in part, on its ability to address the needs of its customers by using technology to provide products and services that will satisfy customer demands for convenience as well as enhance efficiencies in the Company's operations. Management believes that keeping pace with technological advances is critical for the Company in light of its strategy to continue its sustained pace of growth. As a result, the Company intends to continue to upgrade its internal systems, both through the efficient use of technology (including software applications) and by strengthening its policies and procedures. At the same time, the Company anticipates that it will expand its array of technology-based products to its customers.

Regulation of the Company

Federal Regulation. The Company is subject to examination, regulation and periodic reporting under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, (the "BHC Act"), as administered by the Federal Reserve Board. The Federal Reserve Board has adopted capital adequacy guidelines for bank holding companies on a consolidated basis.

The Company is required to obtain the prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board to acquire all, or substantially all, of the assets of any bank or bank holding company. Prior Federal Reserve Board approval is required for the Company to acquire direct or indirect ownership or control of any voting securities of any bank or bank holding company if, after giving effect to such acquisition, it would, directly or indirectly, own or control more than five percent of any class of voting shares of such bank or bank holding company.

The merger or consolidation of the Company with another bank holding company, or the acquisition by the Company of the stock or assets of another bank, or the assumption of liability by the Company to pay any deposits in another bank, will require the prior written approval of the primary federal bank regulatory agency of the acquiring or surviving bank under the federal Bank Merger Act. This decision is based upon a consideration of statutory factors similar to those outlined above with respect to the BHC Act. In addition, in certain such cases an application to, and the prior approval of, the Federal Reserve Board under the BHC Act and/or the North Carolina Banking Commission may be required.

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The Company is required to give the Federal Reserve Board prior written notice of any purchase or redemption of its outstanding equity securities if the gross consideration for the purchase or redemption, when combined with the net consideration paid for all such purchases or redemptions during the preceding 12 months, is equal to 10% or more of the Company's consolidated net worth. The Federal Reserve Board may disapprove such a purchase or redemption if it determines that the proposal would constitute an unsafe and unsound practice, or would violate any law, regulation, Federal Reserve Board order or directive, or any condition imposed by, or written agreement with, the Federal Reserve Board. Such notice and approval is not required for a bank holding company that would be treated as "well capitalized" and "well managed" under applicable regulations of the Federal Reserve Board, that has received a composite "1" or "2" rating at its most recent bank holding company examination by the Federal Reserve Board, and that is not the subject of any unresolved supervisory issues.

The status of the Company as a registered bank holding company under the BHC Act does not exempt it from certain federal and state laws and regulations applicable to corporations generally, including, without limitation, certain provisions of the federal securities laws.

In addition, a bank holding company is prohibited generally from engaging in non-banking activities, or acquiring five percent or more of any class of voting securities of any company engaged in non-banking activities. One of the principal exceptions to this prohibition is for activities found by the Federal Reserve Board to be so closely related to banking or managing or controlling banks as to be a proper incident thereto. Some of the principal activities that the Federal Reserve Board has determined by regulation to be so closely related to banking as to be a proper incident thereto are:

- making or servicing loans;
- performing certain data processing services;
- providing discount brokerage services;
- acting as fiduciary, investment or financial advisor;
- leasing personal or real property;
- making investments in corporations or projects designed primarily to promote community welfare; and
- acquiring a savings and loan association.

In evaluating a written notice of such an acquisition, the Federal Reserve Board will consider various factors, including among others the financial and managerial resources of the notifying bank holding company and the relative public benefits and adverse effects which may be expected to result from the performance of the activity by an affiliate of such company. The Federal Reserve Board may apply different standards to activities proposed to be commenced *de novo* and activities commenced by acquisition, in whole or in part, of a going concern. The required notice period may be extended by the Federal Reserve Board under certain circumstances, including a notice for acquisition of a company engaged in activities not previously approved by regulation of the Federal Reserve Board. If such a proposed acquisition is not disapproved or subjected to conditions by the Federal Reserve Board within the applicable notice period, it is deemed approved by the Federal Reserve Board.

However, with the passage of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Financial Services Modernization Act of 1999 (the "Modernization Act"), which became effective on March 11, 2000, the types of activities in which bank holding companies may engage were significantly expanded. Subject to various limitations, the Modernization Act generally permits a bank holding company to elect to become a "financial holding company." A financial holding company may affiliate with securities firms and insurance companies and engage in other activities that are "financial in nature." Among the activities that are deemed "financial in nature" are, in addition to traditional lending

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activities, securities underwriting, dealing in or making a market in securities, sponsoring mutual funds and investment companies, insurance underwriting and agency activities, certain merchant banking activities and activities that the Federal Reserve Board considers to be closely related to banking.

A bank holding company may become a financial holding company under the Modernization Act if each of its subsidiary banks is “well capitalized” under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act prompt corrective action provisions, is well managed, and has at least a satisfactory rating under the Community Reinvestment Act. In addition, the bank holding company must file a declaration with the Federal Reserve Board that the bank holding company wishes to become a financial holding company. A bank holding company that falls out of compliance with these requirements may be required to cease engaging in some of its activities.

Under the Modernization Act, the Federal Reserve Board serves as the primary “umbrella” regulator of financial holding companies, with supervisory authority over each parent company and limited authority over its subsidiaries. Expanded financial activities of financial holding companies generally will be regulated according to the type of such financial activity: banking activities by banking regulators, securities activities by securities regulators, and insurance activities by insurance regulators. The Modernization Act also imposes additional restrictions and heightened disclosure requirements regarding private information collected by financial institutions. The Company has not elected to become a financial holding company.

Capital Requirements. The Federal Reserve Board uses capital adequacy guidelines in its examination and regulation of bank holding companies. If capital falls below minimum guidelines, a bank holding company may, among other things, be denied approval to acquire or establish additional banks or non-bank businesses.

The Federal Reserve Board’s capital guidelines establish the following minimum regulatory capital requirements for bank holding companies:

- a leverage capital requirement expressed as a percentage of total assets;
- a risk-based requirement expressed as a percentage of total risk-weighted assets; and
- a Tier 1 leverage requirement expressed as a percentage of total assets.

The leverage capital requirement consists of a minimum ratio of total capital to total assets of 4%, with an expressed expectation that banking organizations generally should operate above such minimum level. The risk-based requirement consists of a minimum ratio of total capital to total risk-weighted assets of 8%, of which at least one-half must be Tier 1 capital (which consists principally of shareholders’ equity). The Tier 1 leverage requirement consists of a minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital to total assets of 3% for the most highly-rated companies, with minimum requirements of 4% to 5% for all others.

The risk-based and leverage standards presently used by the Federal Reserve Board are minimum requirements, and higher capital levels will be required if warranted by the particular circumstances or risk profiles of individual banking organizations. Further, any banking organization experiencing or anticipating significant growth would be expected to maintain capital ratios, including tangible capital positions (i.e., Tier 1 capital less all intangible assets), well above the minimum levels.

Source of Strength for Subsidiaries. Bank holding companies are required to serve as a source of strength for their depository institution subsidiaries, and if their depository institution subsidiaries become undercapitalized, bank holding companies may be required to guarantee the subsidiaries’ compliance with capital restoration plans filed with their bank regulators, subject to certain limits.

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The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 (“FDICIA”) requires the federal bank regulatory agencies biennially to review risk-based capital standards to ensure that they adequately address interest rate risk, concentration of credit risk and risks from non-traditional activities and, since adoption of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 (the “Riegle Act”), to do so taking into account the size and activities of depository institutions and the avoidance of undue reporting burdens. In 1995, the agencies adopted regulations requiring as part of the assessment of an institution’s capital adequacy the consideration of (a) identified concentrations of credit risks, (b) the exposure of the institution to a decline in the value of its capital due to changes in interest rates and (c) the application of revised conversion factors and netting rules on the institution’s potential future exposure from derivative transactions.

In addition, in September 1996 the agencies adopted amendments to their respective risk-based capital standards to require banks and bank holding companies having significant exposure to market risk arising from, among other things, trading of debt instruments, (1) to measure that risk using an internal value-at-risk model conforming to the parameters established in the agencies’ standards and (2) to maintain a commensurate amount of additional capital to reflect such risk. The new rules were adopted effective January 1, 1997, with compliance mandatory from and after January 1, 1998.

Under the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 (“FIRREA”), depository institutions are liable to the FDIC for losses suffered or anticipated by the FDIC in connection with the default of a commonly controlled depository institution or any assistance provided by the FDIC to such an institution in danger of default. This law is applicable to the extent that the Company maintains depository institutions as separate subsidiaries.

Subsidiary banks of a bank holding company are subject to certain quantitative and qualitative restrictions imposed by the Federal Reserve Act on any extension of credit to, or purchase of assets from, or letter of credit on behalf of, the bank holding company or its subsidiaries, and on the investment in or acceptance of stocks or securities of such holding company or its subsidiaries as collateral for loans. In addition, provisions of the Federal Reserve Act and Federal Reserve Board regulations limit the amounts of, and establish required procedures and credit standards with respect to, loans and other extensions of credit to officers, directors and principal shareholders of the Banks, the Company, any subsidiary of the Company and related interests of such persons. Moreover, subsidiaries of bank holding companies are prohibited from engaging in certain tying arrangements (with the holding company or any of its subsidiaries) in connection with any extension of credit, lease or sale of property or furnishing of services.

Any loans by a bank holding company to a subsidiary bank are subordinate in right of payment to deposits and to certain other indebtedness of the subsidiary bank. In the event of a bank holding company’s bankruptcy, any commitment by the bank holding company to a federal bank regulatory agency to maintain the capital of a subsidiary bank would be assumed by the bankruptcy trustee and entitled to priority of payment. This priority would also apply to guarantees of capital plans under FDICIA.

Branching

Under the Riegle Act, the Federal Reserve Board may approve bank holding company acquisitions of banks in other states, subject to certain aging and deposit concentration limits. As of June 1, 1997, banks in one state may merge with banks in another state, unless the other state has chosen not to implement this section of the Riegle Act. These mergers are also subject to similar aging and deposit concentration limits. North Carolina “opted-in” to the provisions of the Riegle Act. Since July 1, 1995, an out-of-state bank that did not already maintain a branch in North Carolina was permitted to establish and maintain a *de novo* branch in North Carolina, or acquire a branch in North Carolina, if the laws of the home state of the out-of-state

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bank permit North Carolina banks to engage in the same activities in that state under substantially the same terms as permitted by North Carolina. Also, North Carolina banks may merge with out-of-state banks, and an out-of-state bank resulting from such an interstate merger transaction may maintain and operate the branches in North Carolina of a merged North Carolina bank, if the laws of the home state of the out-of-state bank involved in the interstate merger transaction permit interstate merger.

Recent Regulatory Initiatives. Beginning in late 2008 and continuing into 2009, the federal government took sweeping actions in response to the deepening economic recession. President Bush signed the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 or “EESA” into law on October 3, 2008. Pursuant to EESA, the Department of the Treasury created the Troubled Asset Relief Program of “TARP” for the purpose of stabilizing the U.S. financial markets. On October 14, 2008, the Treasury announced the creation of the TARP Capital Purchase Program. The Capital Purchase Program was designed to invest up to \$250 billion (later increased to \$350 billion) in certain eligible financial institutions in the form of nonvoting senior preferred stock initially paying quarterly dividends at a five percent annual rate. In connection with its investment in senior preferred stock, the Treasury also received ten-year warrants to purchase common shares of participating institutions.

The Company applied and was approved for participation in the Capital Purchase Program in late 2008. On December 23, 2008, the Company issued and sold to the Treasury 10,000 shares of the Company’s Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A (the “Senior Preferred”), for a purchase price of \$10,000,000. The Company also issued a warrant to the Treasury that was immediately exercised for 500,005 shares of the Company’s Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series B (the “Warrant Preferred”). Both the Senior Preferred and the Warrant Preferred qualify as Tier 1 capital.

As a result of its participation in the Capital Purchase Program, the Company has become subject to a number of new regulations and restrictions. The ability of the Company to declare or pay dividends or distributions on, or purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire for consideration shares of its common stock is subject to restrictions. The Company is also required to have in place certain limitations on the compensation of its senior executive officers.

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 into law. This law includes additional restrictions on executive compensation applicable to the Company as a participant in the TARP Capital Purchase Program.

For additional information about this transaction and the Company’s participation in the Capital Purchase Program, please see Note 14 to the Company’s audited consolidated financial statements included with the annual report to shareholders and the Company’s current report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 26, 2008.

Regulation of the Banks

The Banks are extensively regulated under both federal and state law. Generally, these laws and regulations are intended to protect depositors and borrowers, not shareholders. To the extent that the following information describes statutory and regulatory provisions, it is qualified in its entirety by reference to the particular statutory and regulatory provisions. Any change in applicable law or regulation may have a material affect on the business of the Company and the Banks.

State Law. The Banks are subject to extensive supervision and regulation by the North Carolina Commissioner of Banks (the “Commissioner”). The Commissioner oversees state laws that set specific requirements for bank capital and regulate deposits in, and loans and investments by, banks, including the amounts, types, and in some cases, rates. The Commissioner supervises and performs periodic examinations of North Carolina-chartered banks to assure compliance

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with state banking statutes and regulations, and the Banks are required to make regular reports to the Commissioner describing in detail the resources, assets, liabilities and financial condition of the Banks. Among other things, the Commissioner regulates mergers and consolidations of state-chartered banks, the payment of dividends, loans to officers and directors, record keeping, types and amounts of loans and investments, and the establishment of branches.

Deposit Insurance. As member institutions of the FDIC, the Banks' deposits are insured to applicable limits through the FDIC's Deposit Insurance Fund (the "DIF") generally up to a maximum of \$250,000 per separately insured depositor and up to a maximum of \$250,000 for self-directed retirement accounts. The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act, mentioned above, temporarily increased the maximum amount per separately insured depositor from \$100,000 to \$250,000 in October 2008. Unless this increase is further extended by law, the maximum insured amount will return to \$100,000 in December 2009. The DIF is administered by the FDIC and each member institution is required to pay semi-annual deposit insurance premium assessments to the FDIC. The FDIC determines the Banks' deposit insurance assessment rates on the basis of four risk categories. The Banks' assessment is determined by a formula that ranges from 0.02% to 0.04% at the lowest assessment category up to a maximum of 0.40% of the Banks' average deposit base, with the exact assessment determined by the Banks' assets, its capital and the FDIC's supervisory opinion of its operations. The insurance assessment rate may change periodically and was significantly increased for all depository institutions during 2008. Increases in the assessment rate may have an adverse effect on the Banks' operating results.

The FDIC has set a designated reserve ratio of 1.25% (\$1.25 against \$100 of insured deposits) for the DIF. The FDIC has the authority to set the ratio between 1.15% and 1.50%, and must adopt a restoration plan when the ratio falls below 1.15% and begin paying dividends when the reserve ratio exceeds 1.35%. There is no requirement to achieve a specific ratio within a given time frame. The DIF reserve ratio calculated by the FDIC that was in effect at December 31, 2008 was .76%. In October 2008, the FDIC adopted a restoration plan that would increase the reserve ratio to the 1.15% threshold within five years. As part of that plan, the FDIC increased risk-based assessment rates uniformly by seven cents, on an annual basis, for the first quarter of 2009 due to deteriorating financial conditions in the banking industry.

In addition to risk-based deposit insurance assessments, additional assessments may be imposed by the Financing Corporation, a separate U.S. government agency affiliated with the FDIC, on insured deposits to pay for the interest cost of Financing Corporation bonds. Financing Corporation assessment rates for 2008 ranged from \$0.0110 to \$0.0114 per \$100 of deposits.

The FDIC can terminate a depository institution's deposit insurance if it finds that the institution is being operated in an unsafe and unsound manner or has violated any rule, regulation, order or condition administered by the institution's regulatory authorities. Any such termination of deposit insurance would likely have a material adverse effect on the Company, the severity of which would depend on the amount of deposits affected by such a termination. The FDIC evaluates the risk of each financial institution based on its supervisory rating, its financial ratios, and its long-term debt issuer rating. Deposit insurance premium rates in 2008 for nearly all of the financial institution industry varied between five and seven cents for every \$100 of domestic deposits. The deposit insurance assessment rates are determined quarterly.

On December 16, 2008, the FDIC adopted a final rule increasing its risk-based deposit insurance assessment scale uniformly by seven (7) basis points for the first quarter of 2009. The assessment scale for the first quarter of 2009 will range from twelve (12) basis points of assessable deposits for the strongest institutions to fifty (50) basis points for the weakest. The FDIC attributes the assessment increase to recent failures of FDIC-insured institutions. The FDIC's action applies only to the first quarter of 2009. The FDIC is considering further changes to the risk-based assessment scale effective April 1, 2009, designed to make the assessment system more risk sensitive and ensure that riskier institutions bear a greater share of the

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assessments. Proposed adjustments to the scale include: (i) adding a surcharge for certain institutions (institutions in the three riskiest categories for FDIC assessment purposes) that use brokered deposits to fund growth, (ii) providing a possible discount of up to two (2) basis points based on an institution's ratio of long-term unsecured debt, including senior unsecured and subordinated debt, to domestic deposits (for "small institutions" (generally, those with less than \$10 billion in assets), the ratio could include a certain amount of Tier 1 capital) and (iii) adding a surcharge based upon an institution's ratio of secured liabilities (including Federal Home Loan Bank advances, securities sold under repurchase agreements, secured Federal Funds purchased and certain other secured borrowings) to domestic deposits, if greater than 15%.

On February 27, 2009, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) voted to amend the restoration plan for the Deposit Insurance Fund. The Board took action by imposing a special assessment on insured institutions of 20 basis points, implementing changes to the risk-based assessment system, and increased regular premium rates for 2009, which banks must pay on top of the special assessment. The 20 basis point special assessment on the industry will be as of June 30, 2009 payable on September 30, 2009.

On March 5, 2009, the FDIC Chairman announced that the FDIC intends to lower the special assessment from 20 basis points to 10 basis points. The approval of the cutback is contingent on whether Congress clears legislation that would expand the FDIC's line of credit with the Treasury to \$100 billion. Legislation to increase the FDIC's borrowing authority on a permanent basis is also expected to advance to Congress, which should aid in reducing the burden on the industry.

Capital Requirements. The federal banking regulators have adopted certain risk-based capital guidelines to assist in the assessment of the capital adequacy of a banking organization's operations for both transactions reported on the balance sheet as assets and transactions, such as letters of credit, and recourse arrangements, which are recorded as off balance sheet items. Under these guidelines, nominal dollar amounts of assets and credit equivalent amounts of off- balance sheet items are multiplied by one of several risk adjustment percentages which range from 0% for assets with low credit risk, such as certain U.S. Treasury securities, to 100% for assets with relatively high credit risk, such as business loans.

A banking organization's risk-based capital ratios are obtained by dividing its qualifying capital by its total risk adjusted assets. The regulators measure risk-adjusted assets, which include off- balance sheet items, against both total qualifying capital (the sum of Tier 1 capital and limited amounts of Tier 2 capital) and Tier 1 capital. "Tier 1," or core capital, includes common equity, qualifying noncumulative perpetual preferred stock and minority interests in equity accounts of consolidated subsidiaries, less goodwill and other intangibles, subject to certain exceptions. "Tier 2," or supplementary capital, includes among other things, limited-life preferred stock, hybrid capital instruments, mandatory convertible securities, qualifying subordinated debt, and the allowance for loan and lease losses, subject to certain limitations and less required deductions. The inclusion of elements of Tier 2 capital is subject to certain other requirements and limitations of the federal banking agencies. Banks and bank holding companies subject to the risk-based capital guidelines are required to maintain a ratio of Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets of at least 4% and a ratio of total capital to risk-weighted assets of at least 8%. The appropriate regulatory authority may set higher capital requirements when particular circumstances warrant. As of December 31, 2008, Stanly was classified as "well-capitalized" with Tier 1 and Total Risk-Based Capital of 11.86% and 13.11% respectively. As of December 31, 2008, Anson was classified as "well-capitalized" with Tier 1 and Total Risk-Based Capital of 11.34% and 12.51% respectively. As of December 31, 2008 Cabarrus was classified as "well-capitalized" with Tier 1 and Total Risk-Based Capital of 14.61% and 15.39% respectively.

The federal banking agencies have adopted regulations specifying that they will include, in their evaluations of a bank's capital adequacy, an assessment of the bank's interest rate risk ("IRR") exposure. The standards for measuring the adequacy and effectiveness of a banking

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organization's IRR management include a measurement of board of directors and senior management oversight, and a determination of whether a banking organization's procedures for comprehensive risk management are appropriate for the circumstances of the specific banking organization.

Failure to meet applicable capital guidelines could subject a banking organization to a variety of enforcement actions, including limitations on its ability to pay dividends, the issuance by the applicable regulatory authority of a capital directive to increase capital and, in the case of depository institutions, the termination of deposit insurance by the FDIC, as well as the measures described under FDICIA described below, as applicable to undercapitalized institutions. In addition, future changes in regulations or practices could further reduce the amount of capital recognized for purposes of capital adequacy. Such a change could affect the ability of the Banks to grow and could restrict the amount of profits, if any, available for the payment of dividends to the shareholders.

FDICIA. In December 1991, Congress enacted FDICIA, which substantially revised the bank regulatory and funding provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and made significant revisions to several other federal banking statutes. FDICIA provides for, among other things:

- publicly available annual financial condition and management reports for certain financial institutions, including audits by independent accountants,
- the establishment of uniform accounting standards by federal banking agencies,
- the establishment of a "prompt corrective action" system of regulatory supervision and intervention, based on capitalization levels, with greater scrutiny and restrictions placed on depository institutions with lower levels of capital,
- additional grounds for the appointment of a conservator or receiver, and
- restrictions or prohibitions on accepting brokered deposits, except for institutions which significantly exceed minimum capital requirements.

FDICIA also provides for increased funding of the FDIC insurance fund and the implementation of risk-based premiums.

A central feature of FDICIA is the requirement that the federal banking agencies take "prompt corrective action" with respect to depository institutions that do not meet minimum capital requirements. Pursuant to FDICIA, the federal bank regulatory authorities have adopted regulations setting forth a five-tiered system for measuring the capital adequacy of the depository institutions that they supervise. Under these regulations, a depository institution is classified in one of the following capital categories: "well capitalized," "adequately capitalized," "undercapitalized," "significantly undercapitalized" and "critically undercapitalized." An institution may be deemed by the regulators to be in a capitalization category that is lower than is indicated by its actual capital position if, among other things, it receives an unsatisfactory examination rating with respect to asset quality, management, earnings or liquidity.

FDICIA provides the federal banking agencies with significantly expanded powers to take enforcement action against institutions which fail to comply with capital or other standards. Such action may include the termination of deposit insurance by the FDIC or the appointment of a receiver or conservator for the institution. FDICIA also limits the circumstances under which the FDIC is permitted to provide financial assistance to an insured institution before appointment of a conservator or receiver.

International Money Laundering Abatement and Financial Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001. On October 26, 2001, the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 was enacted. This act contains the

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International Money Laundering Abatement and Financial Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001, which sets forth anti-money laundering measures affecting insured depository institutions, broker-dealers and other financial institutions. The Act requires U.S. financial institutions to adopt new policies and procedures to combat money laundering and grants the Secretary of the Treasury broad authority to establish regulations and to impose requirements and restrictions on the operations of financial institutions. This act has not had a material impact on our operations.

Check 21. On October 28, 2003, President Bush signed into law the Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act, also known as Check 21. This law gives “substitute checks,” such as a digital image of a check and copies made from that image, the same legal standing as the original paper check. Some of the major provisions include:

- allowing check truncation without making it mandatory;
- demanding that every financial institution communicate to accountholders in writing a description of its substitute check processing program and their rights under the law;
- legalizing substitutions for and replacements of paper checks without agreement from consumers;
- retaining in place the previously mandated electronic collection and return of checks between financial institutions only when individual agreements are in place;
- requiring that when accountholders request verification, financial institutions produce the original check (or a copy that accurately represents the original) and demonstrate that the account debit was accurate and valid; and
- requiring recrediting of funds to an individual’s account on the next business day after a consumer proves that the financial institution has erred.

Miscellaneous. The dividends that may be paid by the Banks are subject to legal limitations. In accordance with North Carolina banking law, dividends may not be paid unless the Banks’ capital surplus is at least 50% of its paid-in capital.

The earnings of the Banks will be affected significantly by the policies of the Federal Reserve Board, which is responsible for regulating the United States money supply in order to mitigate recessionary and inflationary pressures. Among the techniques used to implement these objectives are open market transactions in United States government securities, changes in the rate paid by banks on bank borrowings, and changes in reserve requirements against bank deposits. These techniques are used in varying combinations to influence overall growth and distribution of bank loans, investments, and deposits, and their use may also affect interest rates charged on loans or paid for deposits.

The monetary policies of the Federal Reserve Board have had a significant effect on the operating results of commercial banks in the past and are expected to continue to do so in the future. In view of changing conditions in the national economy and money markets, as well as the effect of actions by monetary and fiscal authorities, no prediction can be made as to possible future changes in interest rates, deposit levels, loan demand or the business and earnings of the Banks.

Community Reinvestment Act. The Banks are subject to the provisions of the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977, as amended (“CRA”). Under the terms of the CRA, the appropriate federal bank regulatory agency is required, in connection with the examination of a bank, to

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assess such bank's record in meeting the credit needs of the community served by that bank, including low and moderate-income neighborhoods. The regulatory agency's assessments of the Banks' records are made available to the public. Such an assessment is required of any bank that has applied for any application for a domestic deposit-taking branch, relocation of a main office, branch or ATM, merger or consolidation with or acquisition of assets or assumption of liabilities of a federally insured depository institution.

Under CRA regulations, banks with assets of less than \$1 billion are subject to streamlined small bank performance standards and much less stringent data collection and reporting requirements than larger banks. The agencies emphasize that small banks are not exempt from CRA requirements. The streamlined performance method for small banks focuses on the bank's loan-to-deposit ratio, adjusted for seasonal variations and as appropriate, other lending-related activities, such as loan originations for sale to secondary markets or community development lending or qualified investments; the percentage of loans and, as appropriate, other lending-related activities located in the Banks' assessment areas; the Banks' record of lending to and, as appropriate, other lending-related activities for borrowers of different income levels and businesses and farms of different sizes; the geographic distribution of the Banks' loans given its assessment areas, capacity to lend, local economic conditions, and lending opportunities; and the Banks' record of taking action, if warranted, in response to written complaints about its performance in meeting the credit needs of its assessment areas.

Regulatory agencies will assign a composite rating of "outstanding," "satisfactory," "needs to improve," or "substantial noncompliance" to the institution using the foregoing ground rules. A bank's performance need not fit each aspect of a particular rating profile in order for the bank to receive that rating; exceptionally strong performance with respect to some aspects may compensate for weak performance in others, and the bank's overall performance must be consistent with safe and sound banking practices and generally with the appropriate rating profile. To earn an outstanding rating, the bank first must exceed some or all of the standards mentioned above. The agencies may assign a "needs to improve" or "substantial noncompliance" rating depending on the degree to which the bank has failed to meet the standards mentioned above.

The regulation further states that the agencies will take into consideration these CRA ratings when considering any application and that a bank's record of performance may be the basis for denying or conditioning the approval of an application.

Change of Control

State and federal law restricts the amount of voting stock of a bank holding company or a bank that a person may acquire without the prior approval of banking regulators. The overall effect of such laws is to make it more difficult to acquire a bank holding company or bank by tender offer or similar means than it might be to acquire control of another type of corporation.

Pursuant to North Carolina law, no person may, directly or indirectly, purchase or acquire voting stock of any bank holding company or bank which would result in the change of control of that entity unless the Commissioner first shall have approved such proposed acquisition. A person will be deemed to have acquired "control" of the bank holding company or the bank if he, she or it, directly or indirectly, (i) owns, controls or has the power to vote 10% or more of the voting stock of the bank holding company or bank, or (ii) possesses the power to direct or cause the direction of its management and policy.

Federal law imposes additional restrictions on acquisitions of stock in bank holding companies and FDIC-insured banks. Under the federal Change in Bank Control Act and the regulations thereunder, a person or group acting in concert must give advance notice to the Federal Reserve Board or the FDIC before directly or indirectly acquiring the power to direct the management or policies of, or to vote 25% or more of any class of voting securities of, any bank

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holding company or federally-insured bank. Upon receipt of such notice, the federal regulator either may approve or disapprove the acquisition. The Change in Bank Control Act generally creates a rebuttable presumption of a change in control if a person or group acquires ownership or control of or the power to vote 10% or more of any class of a bank holding company or bank's voting securities; the bank holding company has a class of securities that are subject to registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and, following such transaction, no other person owns a greater percentage of that class of securities.

Government Monetary Policy and Economic Controls

As a bank holding company whose primary asset is the ownership of the capital stock of two commercial banks and a savings bank, the Company is directly affected by the government's monetary policy and the economy in general. The actions and policies of the Federal Reserve Board, which acts as the nation's central bank, can directly affect the money supply and, in general, affect a bank's lending activities by increasing or decreasing their costs and availability of funds. An important function of the Federal Reserve Board is to regulate the national supply of bank credit in order to combat recession and curb inflation pressures. Among the instruments of monetary policy used by the Federal Reserve Board to implement these objectives are open market operations in U.S. Government securities, changes in the discount rate and surcharge, if any, on member bank borrowings, and changes in reserve requirements against bank deposits. These methods are used in varying combinations to influence overall growth of bank loans, investments and deposits, and interest rates charged on loans or paid for deposits. The Banks are not members of the Federal Reserve System but are subject to reserve requirements imposed by the Federal Reserve Board on non-member banks. The monetary policies of the Federal Reserve Board have had a significant effect on the operating results of banks in the past and are expected to continue to do so in the future.

The Company cannot predict what legislation might be enacted or what regulations might be adopted, or if enacted or adopted, the effect thereof on the Company's operations.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Not required for smaller reporting companies

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

Not required for smaller reporting companies

Item 2. Properties

The Company's executive office is located at 132 North First Street, Albemarle, North Carolina, where the Company owns a three-building complex located at 130-134 North First Street in Albemarle. This complex houses the Company's offices and meeting rooms and is also the location of Stanly's subsidiary, Strategic Alliance.

Stanly's Main Office is located at 167 North Second Street, Albemarle, North Carolina. Stanly has leased a portion of the Main Office facility since it opened in 1984, and its administrative and executive offices occupy an adjoining building, purchased in 1991. Stanly owns a commercial building and parking lot adjacent to its Main Office. Stanly also acquired a commercial building in downtown Albemarle in December 2001 that is held for future expansion. Stanly acquired a lot in Montgomery County in 2003 that is held as a potential ATM site.

Stanly owns its other banking locations at 710 North First Street, which houses the Village Branch, and its East Albemarle Branch at 800 Highway 24-27 Bypass, both located in Albemarle. It also owns a branch office located at 107 South Main Street in Norwood, North Carolina and a branch office located at 624 North Main Street in Oakboro, North Carolina. Stanly also leases an office at 111 Ray Kennedy Drive, Locust, North Carolina.

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All of Stanly's existing offices are freestanding, fully equipped and have adequate parking and drive-up banking facilities, with the exception of the Main Office in Albemarle and the branch location in Locust which do not have drive-up facilities.

Cabarrus owns full service branch offices located at 25 Palaside Drive, N.E., Concord, North Carolina and at 1490 South Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina and also owns some property adjacent to the Mt. Pleasant banking office located at 1480 South Main Street. Cabarrus leases a suite at 700 North Church Street in Concord, North Carolina where it previously provided banking services and which currently serves as an administrative and lending office.

Anson owns its banking facility located at 211 South Greene Street, Wadesboro, North Carolina. Anson also owns an ATM site at 426 East Caswell Street, Wadesboro, North Carolina.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

Neither the Company nor its subsidiaries, nor any of their properties are subject to any material legal proceedings other than ordinary routine litigation incidental to their business.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

No matter was submitted to a vote of the Company's security holders during the fourth quarter of 2008.

PART II.

Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

It is the philosophy of Uwharrie Capital Corp to promote a strong base of local shareholders. While bid and asked prices for the Company's common stock are quoted on the Over the Counter Bulletin Board under the symbol UWHR, trading is sporadic with most trades taking place in privately negotiated transactions. Management makes every reasonable effort to match willing buyers with willing sellers as they become known for the purpose of private negotiations for the purchase and sale of the Company's common stock. The Company has an independent valuation of its common stock performed on a quarterly basis and makes this valuation available to interested shareholders in order to promote fairness and market efficiency in privately negotiated transactions.

The Board of Directors has adopted a dividend policy on an annual basis. For 2008, Uwharrie Capital Corp declared a 3% stock dividend. The Board of Directors will determine on an annual basis, consistent with the capital needs of the Company, an appropriate dividend.

Additional information regarding the market for the Company's stock is incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 on page 4. See Item 12 of this report for disclosure regarding securities authorized for issuance and equity compensation plans required by Item 201(d) of Regulation S-K.

The Company did not have any unregistered sales of its equity securities in fiscal year 2008, except as previously disclosed on form 8-K.

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The following table sets forth information with respect to shares of common stock repurchased by the Company during the three months ended December 31, 2008.

	<u>(a) Total Number of Shares Purchased</u>	<u>(b) Average Price Paid per Share</u>	<u>(c) Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Program</u>	<u>(d) Maximum Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans</u>
October 1, 2008 Through October 31, 2008	—	\$ —	—	\$ —
November 1, 2008 Through November 30, 2008	—	\$ —	—	\$ —
December 1, 2008 Through December 31, 2008	34,660	\$ 4.59	—	\$ —
Total	34,660	\$ 4.59	—	—

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Item 6. Selected Financial Data

Incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 on page 46.

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation

Incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 on Page 47.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

The Company's primary market risk is interest rate risk. Interest rate risk is the result of differing maturities or repricing intervals of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities and the fact that rates on these financial instruments do not change uniformly. These conditions may impact the earnings generated by the Company's interest earning assets or the cost of its interest-bearing liabilities, thus directly impacting the Company's overall earnings. The Company's management actively monitors and manages interest rate risk. One way this is accomplished is through the development of and adherence to the Company's asset/liability policy. This policy sets forth management's strategy for matching the risk characteristics of the Company's interest-earning assets and liabilities so as to mitigate the effect of changes in the rate environment.

Market Risk Analysis of Financial Instruments

(dollars in thousands)

	Contractual Maturities at December 31, 2008						Beyond Five Years	Total	Average Interest Rate	Estimated Fair Value
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013					
Financial Assets										
Debt securities	\$ 2,621	\$ 786	\$ 2,395	\$ 4,090	\$ 3,366	\$ 55,577	\$ 68,835	5.79%	\$ 68,835	
Loans										
Fixed rate	15,694	15,898	15,726	22,080	30,449	56,838	156,685	7.10%	175,961	
Variable rate	79,009	16,387	10,316	7,194	18,748	55,182	186,836	5.31%	180,813	
Interest-bearing bank balances	—	—	—	—	—	10,353	10,353	1.31%	10,353	
Federal funds sold	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.00%	—	
Total	<u>\$ 97,324</u>	<u>\$33,071</u>	<u>\$28,437</u>	<u>\$33,364</u>	<u>\$52,563</u>	<u>\$177,950</u>	<u>\$422,709</u>	<u>5.95%</u>	<u>\$435,962</u>	
Financial Liabilities										
Money Market, NOW & savings deposits	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$143,685	\$143,685	0.85%	\$143,685	
Time deposits	126,769	25,382	9,742	1,438	579	—	163,910	3.91%	164,871	
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	9,275	7,000	9,000	3,000	4,500	1,500	34,275	3.67%	35,171	
Other borrowed funds	12,974	8	9	9	10	7,466	20,476	2.90%	20,384	
Total	<u>\$149,018</u>	<u>\$32,390</u>	<u>\$18,751</u>	<u>\$ 4,447</u>	<u>\$ 5,089</u>	<u>\$152,651</u>	<u>\$362,346</u>	<u>2.62%</u>	<u>\$364,111</u>	

Please refer to the description on Interest Rate Sensitivity in Management's Discussion and Analysis contained in the Company's Annual Report filed herewith as Exhibit 13 and incorporated by reference into Item 7 of this annual report on Form 10-K.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

Incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 beginning on Page 8.

[Table of Contents](#)**Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure**

None

Item 9A(T). Controls and Procedures**Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

At the end of the period covered by this report, the Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rule 13a-14.

Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective (1) to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports filed or submitted by it under the Securities Exchange Act was recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and (2) to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the Company in such reports is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow for timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting for the Company. The Company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed under the supervision of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the Company's financial statements for external reporting purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Management has made a comprehensive review, evaluation and assessment of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008. In making its assessment of internal control over financial reporting, management used the criteria issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO") in Internal Control—Integrated Framework. In accordance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, management makes the following assertions:

Management has implemented a process to monitor and assess both the design and operating effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting.

All internal control systems, no matter how well designed, have inherent limitations. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation.

The Company's management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008. In making this assessment, it used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in Internal Control—Integrated Framework. Based on that assessment, we believe that, as of December 31, 2008, the Company's internal control over financial reporting is effective based on those criteria.

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This Annual Report does not include an attestation report of the Company's registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting. Management's report was not subject to attestation by the Company's registered public accounting firm pursuant to temporary rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission that permit the Company to provide only management's report in this Annual Report.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management of the Company has evaluated, with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, changes in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) of the Exchange Act) during the fourth quarter of 2008. In connection with such evaluation, the Company has determined that there have been no changes in internal control over financial reporting during the fourth quarter that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Roger L. Dick
Chief Executive Officer

Robert O. Bratton
Principal Financial Officer

Item 9B. Other Information

None

PART III**Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance**

Incorporated by reference to the Company's definitive proxy statement dated March 31, 2009 on Pages 2 - 8.

The Company has adopted a Code of Ethics that applies, among others, to its Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer. The Company's Code of Ethics is available at www.uwharrie.com.

Item 11. Executive Compensation

Incorporated by reference to the Company's definitive proxy statement dated March 31, 2009 on Pages 12 -17.

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Item 12. Security Ownership Of Certain Beneficial Owners And Management and Related Stockholder Matters

Incorporated by reference to the Company's definitive proxy statement dated March 31, 2009 on pages 15 - 16.

The following table sets forth equity compensation plan information at December 31, 2008.

Equity Compensation Plan Information

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (b)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column(a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	459,856	\$ 4.54	258,205
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	NA	NA	NA
Total	459,856	\$ 4.54	258,205

A description of the Company's equity compensation plans is presented in Note 16 to the Company's consolidated financial statements filed here within.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence

Incorporated by reference to the Company's definitive proxy statement dated March 31, 2009 on Pages 9, 17 and 18.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

Incorporated by reference to the Company's definitive proxy statement dated March 31, 2008 on Page 19.

PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules

The following documents are filed as part of this report:

1. Financial statements from the Registrant's Annual Report to stockholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, which are incorporated herein by reference:
[Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2008 and 2007.](#)
[Consolidated Statements of Income for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006.](#)

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[Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006.](#)

[Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006.](#)

[Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.](#)

[Report of independent registered public accounting firm.](#)

2. Financial statement schedules required to be filed by Item 8 of this Form:
None

3. Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit
3(a)	Registrant's Articles of Incorporation *
3(b)	Registrant's By-laws *
3(c)	Articles of Amendment dated December 19, 2008 regarding Series A and Series B Preferred Stock*****
4(a)	Form of stock certificate*
4(b)	Form of certificate for the Series A Preferred stock*****
4(c)	Form of certificate for the Series B Preferred stock*****
4(d)	Warrant dated December 23, 2008 for purchase of share of Series B Preferred stock*****
10(a)	Incentive Stock Option Plan, as amended, a compensatory plan *
10(b)	Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust, a compensatory plan**
10(c)	2006 Incentive Stock Option Plan, a compensatory plan ***
10(d)	2006 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, a compensatory plan ***
10(e)	Letter Agreement dated December 23, 2008, between the Registrant and the United States Department of the Treasury*****
10(f)	Relocation Assistance Agreement dated February 9, 2009 between the Registrant and Brendan P. Duffey
10(g)	Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan and Supplemental Retirement Plan Agreement dated December 31, 2008 between the Registrant and Roger L. Dick, Brendan P. Duffey, Christy D. Stoner and Jimmy L. Strayhorn

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13	2008 Annual Report to Shareholders (filed herewith)
21	Subsidiaries of the Registrant (filed herewith)
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith)
31.2	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith)
32	Certification pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith)
99	Registrant's definitive proxy statement dated March 31, 2008***
*	Incorporated by reference from exhibits to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4 (Reg. No. 33-58882).
**	Incorporated by reference to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the fiscal year ended 1999.
***	Incorporated by reference to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2006.
****	Filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 14a-6 (b).
*****	Incorporated by reference to Registrant's current report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 23, 2008.

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Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

UWHARRIE CAPITAL CORP

March 17, 2009

By: /s/ Roger L. Dick
Roger L. Dick, Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

/s/ Roger L. Dick March 17, 2009
Roger L. Dick
Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Robert O. Bratton March 17, 2009
Robert O. Bratton, Principal Financial Officer

/s/ Joe S. Brooks March 17, 2009
Joe S. Brooks, Director

/s/ Ronald T. Burleson March 17, 2009
Ronald T. Burleson, Director

/s/ Henry E. Farmer, Sr. March 17, 2009
Henry E. Farmer, Sr., Director

/s/ Charles F. Geschickter, III March 17, 2009
Charles F. Geschickter, III, Director

/s/ Thomas M. Hearne, Jr. March 17, 2009
Thomas M. Hearne, Jr., Director

/s/ Charles D. Horne March 17, 2009
Charles D. Horne, Director

/s/ Joseph R. Kluttz, Jr. March 17, 2009
Joseph R. Kluttz, Jr., Director

/s/ W. Chester Lowder March 17, 2009
W. Chester Lowder, Director

/s/ Barry S. Moose March 17, 2009
Barry S. Moose, Director

/s/ James E. Nance March 17, 2009
James E. Nance, Director

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<u>/s/ Emmett S. Patterson</u> Emmett S. Patterson, Director	March 17, 2009
<u>/s/ Timothy J. Propst</u> Timothy J. Propst, Director	March 17, 2009
<u>/s/ Susan J. Rourke</u> Susan J. Rourke, Director	March 17, 2009
<u>/s/ Donald P. Scarborough</u> Donald P. Scarborough, Director	March 17, 2009
<u>/s/ John W. Shealy, Jr.</u> John W. Shealy, Jr., Director	March 17, 2009
<u>Michael E. Snyder, Sr., Director</u>	March 17, 2009
<u>/s/ Douglas L. Stafford</u> Douglas L. Stafford, Director	March 17, 2009
<u>Emily M. Thomas, Director</u>	March 17, 2009

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Exhibit Number	Description
3(a)	Registrant's Articles of Incorporation *
3(b)	Registrant's By-laws *
3(c)	Articles of Amendment dated December 19, 2008 regarding Series A and Series B Preferred Stock*****
4(a)	Form of stock certificate*
4(b)	Form of certificate for the Series A Preferred stock*****
4(c)	Form of certificate for the Series B Preferred stock*****
4(d)	Warrant dated December 23, 2008 for purchase of share of Series B Preferred stock*****
10(a)	Incentive Stock Option Plan, as amended, a compensatory plan *
10(b)	Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust, a compensatory plan**
10(c)	2006 Incentive Stock Option Plan, a compensatory plan ***
10(d)	2006 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, a compensatory plan ***
10(e)	Letter Agreement dated December 23, 2008, between the Registrant and the United States Department of the Treasury*****
10(f)	Relocation Assistance Agreement dated February 9, 2009 between the Registrant and Brendan P. Duffey
10(g)	Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan and Supplemental Retirement Plan Agreement dated December 31, 2008 between the Registrant and Roger L. Dick, Brendan P. Duffey, Christy D. Stoner and Jimmy L. Strayhorn
13	2008 Annual Report to Shareholders (filed herewith)
21	Subsidiaries of the Registrant (filed herewith)
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith)
31.2	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith)
32	Certification pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith)

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- 99 Registrant's definitive proxy statement dated March 31, 2008***
- * Incorporated by reference from exhibits to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4 (Reg. No. 33-58882).
- ** Incorporated by reference to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the fiscal year ended 1999.
- *** Incorporated by reference to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2006.
- **** Filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 14a-6 (b).
- ***** Incorporated by reference to Registrant's current report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 23, 2008.