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FORM 10-Q/A

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549 \\ ```
/X/ Quarterly Report Under Section 13 and 15(d) \\ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 \\ or \\ / / Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 and 15(d) \\ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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For Quarter Ended October 25, 1997
Commission file number 1-4908

The TJX Companies, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)
DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

04-2207613
incorporation or organization)
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

770 Cochituate Road
Framingham, Massachusetts
(Address of principal executive offices)
01701
(Zip Code)
(508) 390-1000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 \(X\). No .

The number of shares of Registrant's Common Stock outstanding as of November 22, 1997: 161,389,824

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\section*{EXPLANATORY NOTE}

The registrant hereby amends Part I of its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended October 25, 1997 to adjust Preferred Stock dividends to include the inducement fees paid upon the conversion of Series E Preferred stock and to include the excess cost of the carrying value of Series E Preferred shares repurchased during the periods ended October 25, 1997. This change does not affect reported Net Income, Primary and Fully diluted earnings per share, the Balance Sheets, Statements of Cash Flows, or Management's Discussion and Analysis as initially filed. This amendment changes only the "Preferred stock dividends" and the resulting "Net Income attributable to common shareholders" on The Statements of Income for the Thirteen and ThirtyNine Weeks Ended October 25, 1997, as well as the disclosure in Note 6 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for the amount of Basic earnings per share pursuant to SFAS No. 128. The Basic earnings per share calculation (which requires adjustment for preferred stock dividends) is reduced by \(\$ .02\) per share in both periods ended October 25, 1997. The diluted earnings per share disclosed in Note 6 pursuant to SFAS No. 128 is not impacted by this amendment.

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PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION
THE TJX COMPANIES, INC. AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES
STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(UNAUDITED)
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline & Thirteen October 25, 1997 & ks Ended October 26, 1996 \\
\hline Net sales & \$1, 887, 698 & \$1, 722, 429 \\
\hline Cost of sales, including buying and occupancy costs & 1,414,336 & 1,305,271 \\
\hline Selling, general and administrative expenses & 287,205 & 266,918 \\
\hline Interest expense, net & 3,654 & 10,344 \\
\hline Income from continuing operations before income taxes and extraordinary item & 182,503 & 139,896 \\
\hline Provision for income taxes & 75,561 & 58,306 \\
\hline Income from continuing operations before extraordinary item & 106,942 & 81,590 \\
\hline Income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes & - & 8,805 \\
\hline Income before extraordinary item & 106,942 & 90,395 \\
\hline Extraordinary (charge), net of income taxes & \((1,777)\) & \((2,885)\) \\
\hline Net income & 105,165 & 87,510 \\
\hline Preferred stock dividends & 3,443 & 2,308 \\
\hline Net income attributable to common shareholders & \$ 101, 722 & \$ 85,202 \\
\hline Primary and fully diluted earnings per common share: & & \\
\hline Income from continuing operations & \$ . 61 & \$ . 45 \\
\hline Income before extraordinary item & \$ . 61 & \$ . 50 \\
\hline Net income & \$ . 60 & \$ . 48 \\
\hline Cash dividends per common share & \$ . 05 & \$ . 035 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION
THE TJX COMPANIES, INC. AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(UNAUDITED)
DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline & Thirty-Nine October 25, 1997 & eks Ended October 26, 1996 \\
\hline Net sales & \$5,146, 220 & \$4,742,935 \\
\hline Cost of sales, including buying and occupancy costs & 3,940,216 & 3,694,820 \\
\hline Selling, general and administrative expenses & 844,731 & 775,983 \\
\hline Interest expense, net & 6, 054 & 35,674 \\
\hline Income from continuing operations before income taxes and extraordinary item & 355, 219 & 236,458 \\
\hline Provision for income taxes & 147, 238 & 98,154 \\
\hline Income from continuing operations before extraordinary item & 207,981 & 138,304 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
\begin{tabular}{lrr} 
Income before extraordinary item & 207,981 & 156,535 \\
Extraordinary (charge), net of income taxes & \((1,777)\) & \((2,885)\) \\
Net income & 206,204 & 153,650 \\
Preferred stock dividends & 10,669 & 11,096 \\
Net income attributable to common & & \\
shareholders & 195,535 & 142,554 \\
Primary and fully diluted earnings per & & \(\$ 1.16\) \\
common share: & \(\$ 1.16\) & \(\$ .76\) \\
Income from continuing operations & \(\$ 1.15\) & \(\$ .86\) \\
Income before extraordinary item & \(\$ .15\) & \(\$ .85\)
\end{tabular}

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THE TJX COMPANIES, INC. AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES BALANCE SHEETS
(UNAUDITED)
IN THOUSANDS
\begin{tabular}{rrrr} 
October 25, January 25, & October 26, \\
1997 & 1997 & 1996
\end{tabular}

\section*{ASSETS}

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents
Accounts receivable
Merchandise inventories
Prepaid expenses
Net current assets of
discontinued operations
Total current assets

Property, at cost:
Land and buildings
Leasehold costs and improvements
Furniture, fixtures and equipment
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization

Other assets
Goodwill and tradename,
net of amortization
Net noncurrent assets of
discontinued operations
TOTAL ASSETS
LIABILITIES
Current liabilities:
Current installments of long-term debt
Accounts payable
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities
Federal and state income taxes payable
Total current liabilities
Long-term debt exclusive of
current installments: Real estate mortgages Equipment notes General corporate debt

Deferred income taxes
\$ 2,199

\section*{\$ 143,602} 110, 117 \(1,459,607\) 16,859
\$ 474,732
\[
57,275
\]
\$ 236, 035
\(\begin{array}{rr}57,275 & 90,695 \\ 1,059,505 & 1,335,099\end{array}\)
16,379 19,054
54,451 116,009
\(1,730,185 \quad 1,662,342 \quad 1,796,892\)

104, 098
484, 057
103, 067 428,836 448, 496 527,710 585,684
\(1,059,613\)
1,144,816
419, 129 420,506

640,484 724,310
\(42,259 \quad 36,432\)
216, \(127 \quad 231,335\)

48, 627
\(\$ 2,668,758 \quad \$ 2,561,212 \quad \$ 2,837,596\)
\$


27,140
\$ 94,708
646,906
533, 945
616,200
576,280
577, 046
624, 850
57, 107
44, 165
28,930
1,282,492
\(1,182,296\)
1, 364, 688
\begin{tabular}{rrr}
21,827 & 22,391 & 22,926 \\
1,456 & 2,135 & 2,556 \\
219,894 & 219,884 & 514,880 \\
& & \\
14,035 & 7,320 & 25,885
\end{tabular}
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|}
\hline SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITYPreferred stock at authorized 5,000,000 shares, par value \$1, issued and outstanding & face value & & \\
\hline cumulative convertible stock of: 250,000 shares of \(1.81 \%\) Series D &  & & 25,000 \\
\hline 727,700 shares of \(7 \%\) Series E & 72,770 & 150,000 & 150, 000 \\
\hline Common stock, par value \$1, authorized 300,000,000 shares, issued and outstanding 161,751,535; 79,576,438 & & & \\
\hline and 77,724,715 shares & 161,752 & 79,576 & 77,725 \\
\hline Additional paid-in capital & 254,588 & 429, 017 & 386,600 \\
\hline Retained earnings & 639,944 & 468,593 & 267,336 \\
\hline Total shareholders' equity & 1,129, 054 & 1,127,186 & 906,661 \\
\hline TOTAL LIABILITIES AND & & & \\
\hline SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY & \$2,668, 758 & \$2,561,212 & 837,596 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
authorized 5,000,000 shares, par value \$1, issued and outstanding 250,000 shares of \(1.81 \%\) Series D

Common stock, par value \$1, authorized
300,000,000 shares, issued and
outstanding 161,751,535; 79,576,438
and 77,724,715 shares

254,588 429,017 386,600
639,944 468,593 267,336
1,129,054 1,127,186 906,661
\$2,668,758
\$2,561,212
\$2, 837,596

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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THE TJX COMPANIES, INC. AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(UNAUDITED)
IN THOUSANDS
\(\left.\begin{array}{crr} & \begin{array}{rl}\text { Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended } \\ \text { October 25, } \\ \text { October }\end{array} \\ \text { Cash } \\ \text { flows from operating activities: } & 1997\end{array}\right)\)

Cash flows from investing activities:

Property additions
Proceeds from sale of Brylane, Inc. common stock
Contingent payment for acquisition of Marshalls
Proceeds adjustment for sale of Chadwick's
Net cash (used in) investing activities
Cash flows from financing activities:
Principal payments on long-term debt
Prepayment of long-term debt
Stock repurchase
Proceeds from sale and issuance of common
stock net
Cash dividends
Net cash (used in) financing activities
Net cash provided by (used in) continuing operations
Net cash provided by (used in) discontinued operations
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period
\begin{tabular}{rr}
\((145,065)\) & \((83,025)\) \\
15,697 & - \\
\((33,190)\) & \((49,327)\) \\
\((162,558)\) & \((132,352)\) \\
\((26,184)\) & \((45,493)\) \\
- & \((92,459)\) \\
\((182,413)\) & - \\
7,441 & 15,644 \\
\((34,353)\) & \((26,803)\) \\
\((235,509)\) & \((149,111)\) \\
\((385,581)\) & 44,628 \\
54,451 & \((17,819)\) \\
\((331,130)\) & 26,809 \\
474,732 & 209,226 \\
\(\$ 143,602\) & \(\$ 236,035\)
\end{tabular}

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF RESULTS
OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION
Thirteen Weeks (Third Quarter) and Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended October 25, 1997
Versus Thirteen Weeks and Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended October 26, 1996
Effective December 7, 1996, the Company sold its Chadwick's of Boston mail order operation to Brylane, L.P. This transaction was accounted for in the Company's fourth quarter for the fiscal year ended January 25, 1997. The operating results for Chadwick's for all periods prior to the sale have been presented as discontinued operations.

Net sales from continuing operations for the third quarter were \(\$ 1,887.7\) million, up \(10 \%\) from \(\$ 1,722.4\) million last year. For the nine months, net sales from continuing operations were \(\$ 5,146.2\) million, up \(9 \%\) from \(\$ 4,742.9\) million for the same period last year. The increase in sales is primarily attributable to an increase in same store sales. Same store sales for the third quarter increased by 6\% at T.J. Maxx, 8\% at Marshalls, 14\% at Winners, \(20 \%\) at HomeGoods and \(5 \%\) at T.K. Maxx. Same store sales for the nine months increased by 5\% at T.J. Maxx, 8\% at Marshalls, 16\% at Winners, \(15 \%\) at HomeGoods and \(13 \%\) at T.K. Maxx.

Income from continuing operations for the third quarter was \(\$ 106.9\) million, or \(\$ .61\) per common share versus \(\$ 81.6\) million, or \(\$ .45\) per common share. For the nine months, income from continuing operations was \(\$ 208.0\) million, or \(\$ 1.16\) per common share versus \(\$ 138.3\) million, or \(\$ .76\) per common share. The periods ending October 25, 1997 include an after-tax gain of \$3.6 million, or \(\$ .02\) per common share, from the sale of Brylane, Inc. common stock. After a \(\$ 1.8\) million extraordinary charge for the early retirement of the Company's revolving credit agreement, net income for the third quarter and nine months ended October 25, 1997 was \(\$ 105.2\) million, or \(\$ .60\) per common share, and \(\$ 206.2\) million, or \(\$ 1.15\) per common share,
respectively. For the periods ended October 26, 1996, the Company recorded net income of \(\$ 87.5\) million, or \(\$ .48\) per common share, and \(\$ 153.7\) million, or \(\$ .85\) per common share, for the third quarter and nine months, respectively, which includes an extraordinary charge and the results of its discontinued operation Chadwick's of Boston.

The following table sets forth operating results expressed as a percentage of net sales (continuing operations):
\begin{tabular}{cccc}
\multicolumn{4}{c}{ Percentage of Net Sales } \\
13 Weeks Ended & 39 Weeks Ended \\
\(10 / 25 / 97\) & \(10 / 26 / 96\) & \(10 / 25 / 97\) & \(10 / 26 / 96\) \\
& & & \\
\(100.0 \%\) & \(100.0 \%\) & \(100.0 \%\) & \(100.0 \%\) \\
& & & \\
74.9 & 75.8 & 76.6 & 77.9 \\
15.2 & 15.5 & 16.4 & 16.4 \\
.2 & .6 & .1 & .7 \\
& & & \\
\(9.7 \%\) & \(8.1 \%\) & \(6.9 \%\) & \(5.0 \%\)
\end{tabular}
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline Net sales & 100.0\% & 100.0\% & 100.0\% & 100.0\% \\
\hline Cost of sales, including buying and occupancy costs & 74.9 & 75.8 & 76.6 & 77.9 \\
\hline Selling, general and administrative expenses & 15.2 & 15.5 & 16.4 & 16.4 \\
\hline Interest expense, net & . 2 & . 6 & . 1 & 7 \\
\hline Income from continuing operations before income taxes and extraordinary item & 9.7\% & 8.1\% & 6.9\% & 5.0\% \\
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\end{tabular}

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Cost of sales, including buying and occupancy costs as a percent of net sales, decreased in both periods from the prior year. This improvement reflects the benefits of the Marshalls acquisition. Enhanced purchasing power has allowed the Company to pass on better values to its customers and has improved sales and merchandise margins. The improvement in the quarter is less significant as the prior year results also reflect the improved trends associated with the Marshalls acquisition.

Selling, general and administrative expenses, as a percentage of net sales, decreased for the third quarter and was flat for the nine months. For the third quarter and nine months, selling, general and administrative expenses include a \(\$ 6\) million pre-tax gain from the sale of Brylane, Inc. common stock obtained by converting approximately \(50 \%\) of the Brylane note into common stock. In addition, for the nine months ended October 1997, selling, general and administrative expenses include the following: (i) a charge of \(\$ 10\) million in connection with a deferred shares award granted under a new five year employment contract with the Company's Chief Executive Officer, (ii) an additional charge of \(\$ 3.5\) million recorded as compensation expense associated with the increase in market value associated with the deferred shares award described above and (iii) a charge of \(\$ 5.0\) million for the estimated cost of closing certain HomeGoods stores. These charges more than offset additional expense savings the Company had realized through the consolidation of certain administrative functions as a result of the Marshalls acquisition. Selling, general and administrative expenses, as a percent of net sales, excluding the above items, would have been \(15.5 \%\) for the quarters ended October 1997 and October 1996 and \(16.2 \%\) for the nine months ended October 1997 versus \(16.4 \%\) last year.

Interest expense, net, decreased in the third quarter and nine months. The decrease is the result of the Company's prepayments on its 9 1/2\% sinking fund debentures during the third quarter of fiscal 1997 and the \$375 million term loan, incurred for the acquisition of Marshalls, during the fourth quarter of fiscal 1997. In addition, as a result of the Company's strong cash position, interest expense, net, for the nine months, reflects interest income of \(\$ 14.2\) million this year versus \(\$ 8.2\) million for the same period last year.

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The following table sets forth the operating results of the Company's major business segments: (unaudited)
(In Thousands)
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline & 1997 & 19 & & \\
\hline \multicolumn{5}{|l|}{Net sales:} \\
\hline Off-price family apparel stores & \$1,864,480 & \$1,702,818 & \$5, 081, 271 & \$4,683,859 \\
\hline \multicolumn{5}{|l|}{Off-price home fashion} \\
\hline stores & 23,218 & 19,611 & 64,949 & 59,076 \\
\hline & \$1,887,698 & \$1,722,429 & \$5,146, 220 & \$4,742,935 \\
\hline \multicolumn{5}{|l|}{Operating income (loss):} \\
\hline Off-price family apparel stores & \$ 193,608 & \$ 161,830 & \$ 410,180 & \$ 311,084 \\
\hline \multicolumn{5}{|l|}{Off-price home fashion} \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{stores} & \[
\begin{gathered}
(1,917) \\
191,691
\end{gathered}
\] & \((2,908)\)
158,922 & \[
\begin{gathered}
(8,456) \\
401,724
\end{gathered}
\] & \[
\begin{gathered}
(8,534) \\
302,550
\end{gathered}
\] \\
\hline & 191,691 & 158, 922 & \[
401,724
\] & 302,550 \\
\hline General corporate expense & 4,880 & 8,029 & 38,490 & 28,458 \\
\hline Goodwill amortization & 654 & 653 & 1,961 & 1,960 \\
\hline Interest expense, net & 3,654 & 10,344 & 6,054 & 35,674 \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Income from continuing operations before income taxes and extraordinary item} & & & & \\
\hline & \$ 182,503 & \$ 139,896 & \$ 355,219 & \$ 236,458 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

The off-price family apparel stores segment comprised of T.J. Maxx, Marshalls, Winners and T.K. Maxx significantly increased its operating income for both the third quarter and nine months. This segment's increased operating results reflect the combined buying power of T.J. Maxx and Marshalls, as well as the expense savings resulting from the consolidation of Marshalls. Winners had significant increases in operating income in both periods. General corporate expense for the quarter and nine months was impacted by the gain associated with the sale of Brylane stock. The nine months is also impacted by a charge related to the deferred shares award granted in April 1997 to the Company's Chief Executive Officer as well as the
reserves for certain HomeGoods store closings.
Stores in operation at the end of the period are as follows:
October 25, 1997 October 26, 1996
\begin{tabular}{lrr} 
T. J. Maxx & 582 & 589 \\
Marshalls & 460 & 463 \\
Winners & 75 & 63 \\
HomeGoods & 24 & 23 \\
T.K. Maxx & 29 & 18
\end{tabular}

\section*{Financial Condition}

Cash flows from operating activities for the nine months reflect increases in inventories and accounts payable that are primarily due to normal seasonal requirements. Comparisons to fiscal 1997's nine months are impacted by the Company's movement to a leaner inventory position during fiscal 1997.

On June 3, 1997, the Company's shareholders approved an increase in the number of authorized shares of common stock making the two-for-one stock split effective in the form of a \(100 \%\) stock dividend. The split was distributed on June 26, 1997 to shareholders of record on June 11, 1997 and resulted in the issuance of 79.8 million shares of common stock along with a corresponding decrease of \(\$ 79.8\) million in additional paid-in capital. All historical earnings per share amounts have been restated to reflect the two-for-one stock split.

On June 25, 1997, the Company announced a program to purchase up to an aggregate of \(\$ 250\) million of the Company's common stock and Series \(E\) preferred stock to be accomplished through open market purchases or other transactions. Through October 25, 1997, the Company has purchased \(6,496,045\) shares of common stock and 2,500 shares of Series \(E\) preferred stock at a cost of \(\$ 182.4\) million. The Company is no longer seeking to purchase its Series E preferred stock. The average price of the common shares repurchased was \(\$ 27.97\) per share.

Through October 25, 1997, shareholders converted 769,800 shares of Series E preferred stock into \(8,310,927\) shares of common stock. The Company paid \(\$ 3.8\) million to induce conversion of the preferred shares.

In September 1997, the Company replaced its \(\$ 500\) million revolving credit agreement with a new five year \(\$ 500\) million revolving credit facility. The new agreement provides for reduced commitment fees on the unused portion of the line as well as lower borrowing costs. The Company recorded an extraordinary charge of \(\$ 1.8\) million associated with the write off of deferred financing costs of the former agreement.

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The following table sets forth the shareholders' equity transactions for the nine months ended October 25, 1997: (unaudited)
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[t]{5}{*}{} & \multicolumn{5}{|c|}{(In Millions)} \\
\hline & Prfd & \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{Common} \\
\hline & Stock & Stock & Add' 1 & & \\
\hline & Face & Par & Paid-In & Retained & \\
\hline & Value & Value & Capital & Earnings & Total \\
\hline Balance, January 25, 1997 & \$150. 0 & \$79.6 & \$429. 0 & \$468. 6 & \$1, 127.2 \\
\hline Net income & - & - & - & 206.2 & 206.2 \\
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{Cash dividends:} \\
\hline Preferred & - & - & - & (6.4) & (6.4) \\
\hline Common & - & - & - & (24.2) & (24.2) \\
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{Conversion of cumulative} \\
\hline Series E Preferred & & & & & \\
\hline stock into common & (76.9) & 8.3 & 68.6 & (3.8) & (3.8) \\
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{Stock repurchase} \\
\hline Preferred & (.3) & - & - & (.5) & (.8) \\
\hline Common & ) & (6.5) & (175.1) & - & (181.6) \\
\hline Stock split & - & 79.8 & (79.8) & - & - \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

Issuance of common
stock under stock
incentive plan
.6
\[
7.9
\]


Other
4.0

Balance, October 25, 1997
\$ 72.8 \$161.8
\$254.6
\(\$ 639.9\) \$1,129.1

During the fourth quarter of fiscal 1997, the Company completed the sale of its Chadwick's of Boston catalog division to Brylane, L.P. Proceeds of approximately \(\$ 300\) million included cash, a 10 -year \(\$ 20\) million Convertible Subordinated Note at \(6 \%\) interest and Chadwick's consumer credit card receivables. During the second quarter of fiscal 1998, the Company paid Brylane \(\$ 28.8\) million as an estimated adjustment of the cash proceeds based on the closing balance sheet of Chadwick's as of December 7, 1996 as prepared by the Company. During the third quarter ended October 1997, the Company paid Brylane \(\$ 4.4\) million upon agreement of the final closing balance sheet of Chadwick's as of December 7, 1996. The results of Chadwick's for all periods prior to December 7, 1996 have been reclassified to discontinued operations. The cash provided by discontinued operations represents the collection of the remaining balance of the Chadwick's consumer credit card receivables outstanding as of January 1997.

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During the quarter ended October 1997, the Company converted a portion of the Brylane note into 352,908 shares of Brylane, Inc., common stock which it sold for \(\$ 15.7\) million. This sale resulted in an after-tax gain of \(\$ 3.6\) million, or \(\$ .02\) per share.

The Company is in the process of converting all necessary systems to be Year 2000 compliant. The Company expects to spend an aggregate of approximately \(\$ 10\) million on conversion costs, primarily in fiscal 1998 and 1999.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
1. The results for the nine months are not necessarily indicative of results for the full fiscal year, because the Company's business, in common with the businesses of retailers generally, is subject to seasonal influences, with higher levels of sales and income generally realized in the second half of the year.
2. The preceding data are unaudited and reflect all normal recurring adjustments, the use of retail statistics, and accruals and deferrals among periods required to match costs properly with the related revenue or activity, considered necessary by the Company for a fair presentation of its financial statements for the periods reported, all in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practices consistently applied.
3. The Company's cash payments for interest expense and income taxes are as follows: (in thousands)
\begin{tabular}{crr} 
& \multicolumn{2}{c}{ Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended } \\
October 25, & October 26, \\
Cash paid for: & 1997 & 1996 \\
Interest expense & \(\$ 16,791\) & \(\$ 35,284\) \\
Income taxes & 129,171 & 90,089
\end{tabular}
4. In October 1988, the Company completed the sale of its former Zayre stores division to Ames Department Stores, Inc. ("Ames"). In April 1990, Ames filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code and in December 1992, Ames emerged from bankruptcy under a plan of reorganization. The Company is liable for certain amounts to be distributed under the plan for certain unassigned landlord claims under certain former Zayre store leases on which the Company was liable as of the date of the sale and which Ames has rejected.

The Company remains contingently liable for the leases of most of the former Zayre stores still operated by Ames. In addition, the Company is contingently liable on a number of leases of the Hit or Miss division, the Company's former off-price women's specialty stores, sold in September 1995. The Company believes that in view of the nature of the leases and the fact that Ames and Hit or Miss are primarily liable, the Company's contingent liability on these leases will not have a material effect on the Company's financial condition. Accordingly, the Company believes its available reserves should be adequate to cover all reasonably expected liabilities associated with discontinued operations
that it may incur.
The Company is also contingently liable on certain leases of HomeBase, Inc. (previously named Waban Inc.), which was spun off by the Company in fiscal 1990. HomeBase, Inc. is primarily liable and has indemnified the Company for any amounts the Company may have to pay with respect to such leases. HomeBase, Inc. recently consummated a spin-off of BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc. HomeBase, Inc., BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc., and the Company have entered into agreements under which BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc. has substantial indemnification responsibility with respect to such HomeBase leases. The Company is also contingently liable on certain

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leases of BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc. for which both BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc. and HomeBase, Inc. remain liable. As a result of the foregoing, the Company believes that its contingent liability on the HomeBase, Inc. and BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc. leases will not have a material effect on the Company's financial condition.
5. During the fourth quarter of fiscal 1997, the Company completed the sale of its Chadwick's of Boston catalog division to Brylane, L.P. Proceeds of approximately \(\$ 300\) million included cash, a 10 -year \(\$ 20\) million Convertible Subordinated Note at \(6 \%\) interest and Chadwick's consumer credit card receivables. During the second quarter of fiscal 1998, the Company paid Brylane \(\$ 28.8\) million as an estimated adjustment of the cash proceeds based on the closing balance sheet of Chadwick's as of December 7, 1996 as prepared by the Company. During the third quarter ended October 1997, the Company paid Brylane \(\$ 4.4\) million upon agreement of the final closing balance sheet of Chadwick's as of December 7, 1996.
6. During 1996, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 128 "Earnings per Share." This statement specifies the computation, presentation and disclosures for basic and dilutive earnings per share. The Company will implement the standard in its fourth quarter period for the fiscal year ended January 31, 1998. Using the new method for computing earnings per share, basic earnings per share and dilutive earnings per share would be as follows:

7. On April 9, 1997, the Company approved a two-for-one stock split to be effected in the form of a \(100 \%\) stock dividend which was subject to approval by the shareholders of an increase in the number of authorized shares of the Company's common stock. On June 3, 1997, the shareholders approved an increase in the number of authorized shares of common stock making the two-for-one stock split effective. The split was distributed on June 26, 1997 to shareholders of record on June 11, 1997 and resulted in the issuance of 79.8 million shares of common stock along with a corresponding decrease of \(\$ 79.8\) million in additional paid-in capital. All historical earnings per share amounts have been restated to reflect the two-for-one stock split.

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8. On June 25, 1997, the Company announced a program to purchase up to an aggregate of \(\$ 250\) million of the Company's common stock and Series E preferred stock to be accomplished through open market purchases or other transactions. Through October 25, 1997, the Company has purchased \(6,496,045\) shares of common stock and 2,500 shares of Series E preferred stock at a cost of \(\$ 182.4\) million. The Company is no longer seeking to purchase its Series E preferred stock. The average price of the common shares repurchased was \(\$ 27.97\) per share.

Through October 25, 1997, the shareholders converted 769,800 shares of Series E preferred stock into 8,310,927 shares of common stock. The Company paid \(\$ 3.8\) million to induce conversion of the preferred shares.

\section*{Item 6 (a) Exhibits}

11 Statement re Computation of Per Share Earnings.
Item 6 (b) Reports on Form 8-K
N/A
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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.
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THE TJX COMPANIES, INC.
(Registrant)

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Date: January 20, 1998
/s/ Donald G. Campbell
Donald G. Campbell, Executive Vice President - Finance, on behalf of The TJX Companies, Inc. and as Principal Financial and Accounting Officer of The TJX Companies, Inc.```

