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FORM 10-Q
(X) QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended JUNE 30, 2002

Commission file number 0-10849

ALLEGIANT BANCORP, INC.

| (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) <br> MISSOURI <br> 43-1262037 |
| :---: |
|  |
| 2122 KRATKY ROAD <br> ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63114 |
| (Address of principal executive offices) <br> (Zip Code) <br> (314) 692-8200 |

(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. |X| Yes | No


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PART 1. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS


Loans held for sale.
Premises and equipment
Accrued interest and other assets.................................
Cost in excess of fair value of net assets acquired

Total assets $\qquad$

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:
Deposits:
Non-interest bearing.
Interest bearing.
Certificates of deposit of $\$ 100,000$ or more

Total deposits

Short-term borrowings
Federal Home Loan Bank advances
Guaranteed preferred beneficial interests in
Subordinated debentures
Accrued expenses and other liabilities

Total liabilities

Shareholders' equity:
Common Stock, $\$ 0.01$ par value - authorized $20,000,000$ shares; issued $15,847,511$ shares, $15,209,566$ shares and 8,976,306 shares, respectively.....................

Retained earnings
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)

Total shareholders' equity

Total liabilities and shareholders' equity

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements
175,933
$1,262,661$
164,976
----------
$1,603,570$
--------
83,586
305,784
57,250
16,414
----------
$2,066,604$
162
115,326
----------
153,681
-----------
$\$ 2,220,285$
$===========$
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153,681
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$\$ 2,220,285$
$===========$
\$ 41,963

435,408

19,040

1,493,181
45,611
47,084
72,259
55,837
\$ 2,220,285
$==========$

2,066,604

115,326
35,003
3,190
(Dollars in thousan
\$ $\quad 56,992$
14, 642

439,038

24,599
$1,400,891$
\$ 201,216
1,291,351
195,048
$1,687,615$

196,191

57,250
18, 328

2,032,411

157
111,234
27,223
(546)

138,068
\$ 2,170,479
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73,027
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61,459
47,941
68,506
56,411
\$ 2,170,479
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ALLEGIANT BANCORP, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED)

|  | Three Months Ended June 30, |  |  |  | Si |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (In thousands, except share 20022001 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest income: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest and fees on loans. | \$ | 25,303 | \$ | 18,693 | \$ |  |
| Investment securities. |  | 5,274 |  | 2,469 |  |  |
| Federal funds sold and overnight investments. |  | 63 |  | 359 |  |  |
| Total interest income. |  | 30,640 |  | 21,521 |  |  |
| Interest expense: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Deposits... |  | 9,611 |  | 9,919 |  |  |
| Short-term borrowings. |  | 1,098 |  | 1,448 |  |  |
| Federal Home Loan Bank advances. |  | 2,490 |  | 986 |  |  |
| Guaranteed preferred beneficial interests in subordinated debentures.............................. |  | 1,372 |  | 442 |  |  |
| Total interest expense. |  | 14,571 |  | 12,795 |  |  |
| Net interest income. |  | 16,069 |  | 8,726 |  |  |
| Provision for loan losses. |  | 2,000 |  | 850 |  |  |
| Net interest income after provision <br> for loan losses. |  | 14,069 |  | 7,876 |  |  |
| Other income: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Service charges on deposits. |  | 1,769 |  | 992 |  |  |
| Net gain on sale of securities |  | 1,683 |  | 383 |  |  |
| Other income.. |  | 2,511 |  | 1,994 |  |  |
| Total other income. |  | 5,963 |  | 3,369 |  |  |
| Other expenses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Salaries and employee benefits. |  | 6,166 |  | 3,903 |  |  |
| Occupancy and furniture and equipment |  | 1,796 |  | 999 |  |  |
| Other operating expenses.. |  | 4,095 |  | 2,049 |  |  |
| Total other expenses. |  | 12,057 |  | 6,951 |  |  |
| Income before income taxes. |  | 7,975 |  | 4,294 |  |  |
| Provision for income taxes. |  | 2,895 |  | 1,490 |  |  |
| Net Income. | \$ | 5,080 | \$ | 2,804 | \$ |  |

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Per share data:
    Earnings per share:
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    Weighted average common shares oustanding:
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See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.
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ALLEGIANT BANCORP, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (UNAUDITED)


See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

ALLEGIANT BANCORP, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

(In thousands)

## OPERATING ACTIVITIES:


Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:

Depreciation and amortization Provision for loan losses Net gain on sale of fixed assets
Net realized gains on securities available-for-sale Net gain on sale of mortgage loans
Other changes in assets and liabilities:
Accrued interest receivable and other assets...........
Accrued expenses and other liabilities................


## INVESTING ACTIVITIES:

Merger-related recapitalization related to the acquisition of Equality Bancorp, Inc

| - | $(922$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| $(312)$ | 582 |
| 5,559 | 35,778 |
| 69,854 | 5,127 |
| 81,638 | $(66,576$ |
| $(140,432)$ | $(66,547$ |
| $(79,942)$ | 67,432 |
| - | $(5,506$ |
| $(1,237)$ | $(1,693$ |
| $(710)$ | $(32,325$ |

## FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

Net increase (decrease) in deposits
(84, 045)
120,533
(381)

Repayment of long-term debt
Proceeds from issuance of common stock.....................................
Payment of dividends
4,097
$(1,930)$

Cash provided by financing activities
38,274
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Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents
$(19,769)$
$(8,01$


See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

ALLEGIANT BANCORP, INC.
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Allegiant Bancorp, Inc. and its subsidiaries. The terms "Allegiant," "company," "we," "our," and "corporation" as used in this report refer to Allegiant Bancorp, Inc. and its subsidiaries as a consolidated entity, except where we clearly indicate that it means only Allegiant Bancorp, Inc. Also, sometimes we refer to Allegiant Bank, Bank of Ste. Genevieve and State Bank of Jefferson County, our bank subsidiaries, as the "banks."

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form $10-Q$ and Article 10 of Regulation $S-X$. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the three-month and six-month period ended June 30,2002 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2002.

The balance sheet at December 31, 2001 has been derived from the audited financial statements at that date but does not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements.

For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001.

Comprehensive Income
During the second quarter of 2002 and 2001 , total comprehensive income amounted to $\$ 9.2$ million and $\$ 2.8$ million, respectively. Year-to-date comprehensive income for the first half of 2002 and 2001 was $\$ 13.4$ million and $\$ 6.7$ million, respectively.

Acquisitions

On September 28, 2001, we acquired Southside Bancshares Corp. ("Southside"). Before the acquisition, Southside was a bank holding company with four subsidiary banks in and around St. Louis, Missouri, which at

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closing reported consolidated total assets of approximately $\$ 804.9$ million. Under the terms of the agreement, one-half of the Southside shares were converted into the right to receive cash in the amount of $\$ 14$ per share and the other half into the right to receive 1.39 shares of Allegiant stock per share. Under the terms of the agreement, we exchanged a total of approximately 5.9 million shares of Allegiant common stock plus $\$ 59$ million in cash for all of the outstanding common stock of Southside. The issuance of Allegiant shares and cash to the former Southside shareholders was completed on November 2, 2001. We financed the cash portion of the purchase price through the issuance of trust preferred securities and bank borrowings. We accounted for the acquisition under the purchase method and recorded goodwill and a core deposit intangible of $\$ 33.6$ million and $\$ 11.0$ million, respectively. The core deposit intangible is being amortized over an estimated
useful life of ten years and none of this amortization is expected to be deductible for tax purposes. During October 2001 and May 2002 , respectively, we merged Southside National Bank and the Bank of St. Charles County, two of the four subsidiary banks acquired from Southside, into Allegiant Bank.

On December 12, 2001, we acquired five St. Louis County branches from Guardian Savings Bank ("Guardian") which is headquartered in Houston, Texas. In addition to the branch facilities, we assumed $\$ 109.3$ million in related deposit liabilities. As a result of the Guardian branch acquisition, we recorded $\$ 2.2$ million of goodwill. In accordance with current accounting standards, we will amortize this premium paid for these branches over an estimated useful life of ten years. We expect this amortization will be deductible for tax purposes. We believe the acquisitions of Southside and the Guardian branches significantly enhanced the scale of our banking business and positioned us for further growth and to compete effectively by offering personalized banking products and services in the St. Louis community.

Subsequent Event

On July 31, 2002, we announced the signing of a definitive agreement to acquire Investment Counselors, Incorporated (Investment Counselors), a privately held investment advisory firm located in St. Louis, Missouri. Under terms of the agreement, the total consideration to be received by Investment Counselors' shareholders will be shares of Allegiant Bancorp common stock. This acquisition is consistent with our strategy of focusing on the growth of non-interest income. Investment Counselors has been serving institutional and high net worth individuals in the Midwest since 1968. Upon completion of this transaction, which is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2002, our Wealth Management division will have Trust and Investment Advisory assets in excess of $\$ 800$ million.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards

Effective January 1, 2002, the Company adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets. In accordance with this statement, goodwill and intangible assets deemed to have indefinite lives will no longer be amortized but will be subject to impairment tests in accordance with the statement. Other intangible assets will continue to be amortized over their estimated useful lives. During 2002, the Company is

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performing the first of the required impairment tests of goodwill and indefinite lived intangible assets as of January 1, 2002 and has not yet determined what the effect of those tests will be on the future consolidated earnings and financial position of the Company. If for any future period we determine that there has been impairment in the carrying value of our goodwill balances, we will record a charge to our earnings, which could have a material adverse effect on our net income.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

This report contains certain forward-looking statements with respect to the financial condition, results of operations and business of Allegiant and our subsidiaries. These forward-looking statements involve certain risks and uncertainties. For example, by accepting deposits at fixed rates, at different times and for different terms, and lending funds at fixed rates for fixed periods, we accept the risk that the cost of funds may rise and interest on loans and investment securities may be at a fixed rate. Similarly, the cost of funds may fall, but we may have committed by virtue of the term of a deposit to pay what becomes an above-market rate. Investments may decline in value in a rising interest rate environment. Loans have the risk that the borrower will not repay all funds in a timely manner, as well as the risk of total loss. Collateral may or may not have the value attributed to it. The loan loss reserve, while believed adequate, may prove inadequate if one or more large borrowers, or numerous smaller borrowers, or a combination of both, experience financial difficulty for individual, national or international reasons. Because the business of banking is highly regulated, decisions of governmental authorities, such as the rate of deposit insurance, can have a major effect on operating results. All of these uncertainties, as well as others, are present in a banking operation and we caution shareholders that management's view of the future on which it prices our products, evaluates collateral, sets loan loss reserves and estimates costs of operation and regulation may prove to be other than anticipated.

The profitability of our operations depends on our net interest income, provision for loan losses, non-interest income and non-interest expense. Net interest income is the difference between the income we receive on our loan and investment portfolios and our cost of funds, which consists of interest paid on deposits and borrowings. The provision for loan losses reflects the cost of credit risk in our loan portfolio. Non-interest income consists primarily of service charges on deposit accounts and fees for ancillary banking services and, to a lesser extent, revenues generated from our mortgage banking, securities brokerage, insurance brokerage and trust operations. Non-interest expense includes salaries and employee benefits, as well as occupancy, data processing, marketing, professional fees, insurance and other expenses. Under recently adopted accounting rules, we will be required to periodically evaluate the carrying values of our goodwill balances to determine whether the values have been impaired. If we determine that there has been an impairment, we will recognize a charge to our earnings, which could be material.

Our net interest income depends on the amounts and yields of interest-earning assets compared to the amounts and rates on interest-bearing liabilities. Net interest income is sensitive to changes in market rates of interest and our asset/liability management procedures in managing those changes. The provision for loan losses is dependent on

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increases in the loan portfolio, management's assessment of the collectibility of the loan portfolio and loss experience, as well as economic and market factors.

OVERVIEW

We are a bank holding company headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri. Our bank subsidiaries, Allegiant Bank, Bank of Ste. Genevieve and State Bank of Jefferson County, offer full-service banking and personal trust services to individuals, commercial business and municipalities in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Our services include commercial, real estate and installment loans, checking, savings and time deposit accounts, personal trust and other fiduciary services and other financial services such as securities brokerage, insurance and safe
deposit boxes. As of June 30 , 2002, we reported, on a consolidated basis, total assets of $\$ 2.2$ billion, loans of $\$ 1.5$ billion, deposits of $\$ 1.6$ billion and shareholders' equity of $\$ 153.7$ million.

Since our inception in 1989, we have grown through a combination of internal growth and acquisitions of other financial institutions. Our internal growth has been achieved by positioning Allegiant as one of the leading St. Louis community banking operations. We have supplemented our growth by acquiring 31 branch locations in our community from four different thrifts and another banking organization. Our primary goals have been to expand our branch network in the $S t$. Louis market while increasing our earnings per share. We have also acquired a mortgage company and an asset management firm. In December 1998, we sold four branches located in more rural markets in northeast Missouri, in order to focus our operations exclusively in the $S t$. Louis metropolitan area. In November 2000, we acquired Equality Bancorp, Inc. a community-based thrift holding company with seven branches in the St. Louis area and total assets of approximately $\$ 300.4$ million. As a continuation of our acquisition and growth strategies, in September 2001, we acquired Southside Bancshares Corp., another community-based bank holding company serving the St. Louis area, with total assets of approximately $\$ 804.9$ million. In addition, in December 2001, we acquired five St. Louis branch facilities from Guardian Savings Bank and assumed approximately $\$ 109.3$ million in related deposit liabilities.

Since the beginning of 1998, we have focused on improving the profitability of our banking operations. As a result, we have reduced the amount of one- to four-family mortgages we hold in our loan portfolio and have increased our amount of higher yielding commercial loans. We have hired more than 20 banking professionals averaging more than 10 years of experience in the St. Louis metropolitan area to help grow our commercial loans and deposits. We have also implemented company-wide cost-control efforts to enhance efficiencies throughout our operations. These steps taken since the beginning of 1998 have improved our efficiency, return on average assets, return of average equity and earnings per share.

Our primary financial objectives are to continue to grow our loan portfolio while maintaining high asset quality, expand our core deposit base to provide a cost-effective and stable source of funding our loan portfolio and increase non-interest income while maintaining strong expense controls. We have sought to maintain high asset quality while managing growth both internally and by acquisition.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Net income for the three months ended June 30, 2002 was $\$ 5.08$ million, an $81 \%$ increase over the $\$ 2.80$ million earned in the second quarter of 2001. Basic earnings per share were $\$ 0.32$ for the second quarter of 2002 compared to $\$ 0.31$ for the second quarter of 2001 . Diluted earnings per share increased $3.2 \%$ to $\$ 0.32$ for the second quarter of 2002 compared to $\$ 0.31$ for the second quarter of 2001. The annualized return on average assets for the second quarter of 2002 was $0.93 \%$, compared to the $0.98 \%$ annualized return on average assets reported for the second quarter of 2001 . The return on average equity on an annualized basis was $13.65 \%$ for the second quarter of 2002 compared to $13.58 \%$ for the second quarter of 2001 .

Net income for the six-month period ended June 30, 2002 was $\$ 9.71$ million, an $81 \%$ increase over the $\$ 5.37$ million earned in the six-month period ended June 30,2001 . Basic earnings per share were $\$ 0.62$ and $\$ 0.60$, respectively, for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2002 and 2001. Diluted earnings per share were $\$ 0.61$ and $\$ 0.60$, respectively, for the six-
month periods ended June 30,2002 and 2001 . The annualized return on average assets for the first six months of 2002 was $0.89 \%$, compared to the $0.94 \%$ annualized return on average assets reported for the first six months of 2001. The return on average equity on an annualized basis was $13.35 \%$ for the first six months of 2002 compared to $13.18 \%$ for the first six months of 2001.

As a result of newly effective accounting pronouncements, we have discontinued the amortization of goodwill in 2002 and will periodically determine whether the carrying value of our goodwill is impaired. As required by these pronouncements, we continue to amortize core deposit premiums and other identifiable intangibles as a noncash charge that increases our operating expenses. Intangible asset amortization included as an operating expense totaled $\$ 443,000$ (including $\$ 147,000$ of pre-2002 goodwill related to the premium paid on the acquisition of thrift deposits) and $\$ 238,000$ for the three-month periods ended June 30, 2002 and 2001, respectively. Intangible asset amortization included as an operating expense totaled $\$ 886,000$ (including $\$ 294,000$ of pre-2002 goodwill related to the premium paid on the acquisition of thrift deposits) and $\$ 474,000$ for the six-month periods ended June 30,2002 and 2001 , respectively.

Total assets at June 30,2002 were $\$ 2.2$ billion and reflected a $92 \%$ increase from June 30, 2001. Total loans increased to $\$ 1.5$ billion and total deposits increased to $\$ 1.6$ billion at June 30, 2002.

Net Interest Income. Net interest income for the three months ended June 30,2002 was $\$ 16.07$ million, an $84 \%$ increase compared to the $\$ 8.73$ million reported for the second quarter of 2001 . This $\$ 7.34$ million increase was attributable to an increase of $\$ 929$ million in average earning assets primarily from our September 2001 acquisition of Southside Bancshares Corp. The $\$ 9.12$ million increase in interest income was partially offset by a $\$ 1.78$ million increase in interest expense. The increase in interest expense was the result of an $\$ 888$ million increase in average interest-bearing liabilities partially offset by a decrease of 215 basis points in the average interest rate paid between the periods.

Net interest margin for the second quarter of 2002 decreased 6 basis points compared to the second quarter of 2001. The earning assets yield decreased 195 basis points while the overall interest rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities decreased 215 basis points. The net interest spread increased 20 basis points comparing the second quarter 2002 to the second quarter 2001.

Interest expense on deposits decreased $\$ 308,000$ due to a $\$ 654$ million increase in average interest-bearing deposits that was offset by a decrease in the average rate paid on deposits from $5.07 \%$ in the second quarter of 2001 to 2.68 \% for the comparable period in 2002 . The growth in our deposit base was primarily the result of the Southside acquisition.

Interest expense on other interest-bearing liabilities increased $\$ 2.08$ million in the second quarter of 2002 compared to the second quarter of 2001. Average short- and long-term borrowings also increased \$194.4 million in the first three months of 2002 compared to the year earlier quarter. The average rate on short-term borrowings decreased 309 basis points while the rate paid on long-term borrowings decreased 95 basis points in the second quarter of 2002 compared to the second quarter of 2001.

Net interest income for the six months ended June 30, 2002 was $\$ 30.94$ million, a $74 \%$ increase compared to the $\$ 17.75$ million reported for the second quarter of 2001 . This $\$ 13.19$

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million increase was attributable to an increase of $\$ 921$ million in average earning assets primarily from our September 2001 acquisition of Southside Bancshares Corp. The $\$ 16.64$ million increase in interest income was partially offset by a $\$ 3.45$ million increase in interest expense. The increase in interest expense was the result of an $\$ 878$ million increase in average interest-bearing liabilities partially offset by a decrease of 224 basis points in the average interest rate paid between the periods.

Net interest margin for the first six months of 2002 decreased 23 basis points compared to the first six months of 2001 . The earning assets yield decreased 222 basis points while the overall interest rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities decreased 224 basis points. The net interest spread increased 2 basis points comparing the year-to-date 2002 to the year-to-date 2001.

The following table sets forth the condensed average balance sheets for the quarterly periods reported. Also shown is the average yield on each category of interest-earning assets and the average rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities for each of the periods reported.


