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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940                              |  |   |  |   |
| 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ACUITY BRANDS INC</u> [ AYI ] |  |   |  |   |
| 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>06/01/2004                      |  | Officer (give ti<br>below)  |  | her (specify<br>low)  |
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### Table L- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficiary Owned |  |                 |      |                  |   |               |       |                                    |                                   |   |  |  |
|---|--|-----------------|------|------------------|---|---------------|-------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)   | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, |      | iction<br>Instr. | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and<br>5) |               |       | Securities                         | (D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |  |  |
|   |  |                 | Code | v                | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D) | Price | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                   | (Instr. 4)  |  |  |

#### Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | of E |     | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|------|-----|--|--------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A)  | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |  |  |
| Stock<br>Units <sup>(1)</sup>                       | (2)   | 06/01/2004                                 |   | A                            |   | 356  |     | (3)  | (3)                | Common<br>Stock  | 356                                    | \$24.62   | 7,251  | D  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Stock Units are accrued under the Issuer's Nonemployee Directors' Deferred Stock Unit Plan and are payable in cash upon retirement in either lump sum or five annual installments. Accruals include an annual grant, required and elective deferral of director fees, and reinvestment of dividend equivalents. During the Reporting Period, fees paid to the Reporting Person resulted in an increase in the number of units held.

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3. Stock Units issued pursuant to the Plan are payable in cash upon retirement in either a lump sum or five annual installments.

#### Peter C. Browning

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

06/01/2004

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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