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[X] Quarterly Report Under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the Quarterly Period Ended June 30, 2003

Commission file number 0-49784

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT BANCORP, INC.  
(Name of Small Business Issuer as Specified in Its Charter)

Connecticut 06-1594123  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)  
Incorporation or Organization)

215 Church Street 06510  
New Haven, Connecticut  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(203) 782-1100  
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(Issuer's Telephone Number)

The number of shares of the issuer's Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share,  
outstanding as of August 11, 2003: 966,667  
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PART I  
Financial Information

Item 1. Financial Statements

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT BANCORP, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
June 30, 2003 (unaudited) and December 31, 2002

Assets

Cash and due from banks

2003

\$ 2,074,508

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Federal funds sold	927,000
Short-term investments	1,419,175
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Cash and cash equivalents	4,420,683
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Available for sale securities	11,361,211
Federal Home Loan Bank Stock	21,500
Loans receivable (net of allowance for loan losses of \$313,702 in 2003 and \$232,000 in 2002)	27,880,453
Accrued interest receivable	153,703
Premises and equipment, net	3,549,106
Other assets	646,658
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Total assets	\$ 48,033,314
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Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	
Liabilities	
Deposits	
Noninterest bearing deposits	\$ 8,379,199
Interest bearing deposits	28,574,613
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Total deposits	36,953,812
Capital lease obligations	1,191,283
Repurchase agreements	199,119
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	1,931,454
Deferred tax liability	-
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Total liabilities	40,275,668
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Commitments and Contingencies	
-	
Stockholders' Equity	
Preferred stock, no par value; 500,000 shares authorized; none issued	
Common stock, par value \$.01; 5,000,000, shares authorized; 966,667 shares issued and outstanding	9,667
Additional paid-in capital	10,705,382
Accumulated deficit	(2,915,564)
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income - net unrealized gain (loss) on available for sale securities	(41,839)
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Total stockholders' equity	7,757,646
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 48,033,314
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SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT BANCORP, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

For the Three Months and Six Months Ended June 30, 2003 and 2002 (unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30	
	2003	2002
Interest Income		
Interest and fees on loans	\$ 522,719	\$ 191,401
Interest on securities	49,872	64,522
Interest on federal funds sold and short-term investments	16,493	39,128
Total interest income	589,084	295,051
Interest Expense		
Interest on deposits	92,762	66,681
Interest on capital lease obligations	42,124	31,995
Interest on repurchase agreements	619	--
Total interest expense	135,505	98,676
Net interest income	453,579	196,375
Provision for Loan Losses	23,500	52,000
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	430,079	144,375
Noninterest Income:		
Service charges and fees	28,478	14,082
Gains on sale of securities available for sale	5,000	--
Total noninterest income	33,478	14,082
Noninterest Expense		
Salaries and benefits	385,239	212,317
Professional services	49,810	101,442
Occupancy and equipment	93,453	37,714
Advertising and promotional expense	18,317	19,091
Data processing and other outside services	47,799	28,560
Forms, printing and supplies	17,726	10,669
Other operating expenses	79,679	49,819
Total noninterest expenses	692,023	459,612
Net loss	\$ (228,466)	\$ (301,155)
Basic and Diluted Loss per Share	\$ (0.24)	\$ (0.31)
Dividends per Share	\$ --	\$ --

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SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT BANCORP, INC.  
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY  
 For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2003 and 2002 (unaudited)

	Number of Shares	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit
Balance December 31, 2001	966,667	\$ 9,667	\$10,705,382	\$ (1,118,902)
Net Loss and total comprehensive loss	--	--	--	(614,753)
Balance June 30, 2002	966,667	\$ 9,667	\$10,705,382	\$ (1,733,655)
Balance December 31, 2002	966,667	\$ 9,667	\$10,705,382	\$ (2,502,915)
Comprehensive Loss:				
Net Loss				(412,649)
Unrealized holding loss on available for sale securities				
Total comprehensive loss				
Balance June 30, 2003	966,667	\$ 9,667	\$10,705,382	\$ (2,915,564)

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2003 and 2002 (unaudited)

### Cash Flows From Operations

#### Net Loss

Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities

Amortization and accretion of premiums and discounts on Investments, net

Paydowns on mortgage backed securities

Gains on sale of available for sale securities

Provision for loan losses

Depreciation and amortization

Changes in assets and liabilities

    Increase (decrease) in deferred loan fees

    Decrease (increase) in accrued interest receivable

    Decrease (increase) in other assets

    Increase (decrease) in accrued expenses and other liabilities

Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities

### Cash Flows From Investing Activities

Purchases of available for sale securities

Purchases of Federal Home Loan Bank Stock

Proceeds from maturities of available for sale securities

Proceeds from sales of available for sale securities

Principal repayments on mortgage backed securities

Net increase in loans receivable

Purchases of premises and equipment

Net cash used in investing activities

### Cash Flows From Financing Activities

Net increase in demand, savings and money market deposits

Net (decrease) increase in certificates of deposit

(Decrease) increase in repurchase agreements

Principal payments on capital lease obligations

Net cash provided by financing activities

Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents

    Beginning

    Ending

### Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:

Cash paid during the period for:

    Interest

    Income taxes

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Supplemental disclosures of non-cash investing  
and financing activities:  
Liability incurred for investment security purchase

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Southern Connecticut Bancorp, Inc.  
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements  
(Unaudited)

### Note 1. Nature of Operations

Southern Connecticut Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company"), a Connecticut corporation, is a bank holding company incorporated on November 8, 2000 for the purpose of forming, and becoming the sole shareholder of, The Bank of Southern Connecticut (the "Bank"). The Bank provides a full range of banking services to commercial and consumer customers, primarily concentrated in the New Haven County area of Connecticut, through its main office in New Haven, Connecticut and branch offices in New Haven (Amity) and Branford, Connecticut.

### Note 2. Basis of Financial Statement Presentation

The consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2002 has been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of Bancorp at that date, but does not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for complete financial statements.

The accompanying consolidated unaudited financial statements as of and for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2003 and June 30, 2002 and related notes have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Accordingly, certain information and note disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been omitted. The accompanying consolidated financial statements and notes thereto should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements of Bancorp and notes thereto as of December 31, 2002.

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial information reflects, in the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring accruals, necessary for a fair presentation of the interim periods presented. The results of operations for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2003 are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations that may be expected for all of 2003.

### Note 3. Available Borrowings

During the quarter ended March 31, 2003, the Bank obtained secured and unsecured lines of credit with other financial institutions with total available borrowings of \$4,400,000. There are no borrowings against these lines as of June 30, 2003.

### Note 4. Commitments and Contingencies

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The Company entered into an employment agreement (the "President Agreement") with the new President of the Bank effective in February 2003, and expiring on December 31, 2004. The President Agreement provides for a base salary and an annual bonus as determined by the Board of Directors. The President Agreement also provides for vacation and various insurance benefits and reimbursement for automobile, travel, entertainment, club dues and Bank-related education and convention expenses. Also, under the President Agreement, the Company intends to issue to the President options to purchase 20,000 shares of the Company's stock under the terms of the Company's 2002 Stock Option Plan.

The Bank is being sued by former President and Chief Operating officer Gary D. Mullin for breach of contract in connection with Mr. Mullin's dismissal for cause. Pursuant to Mr. Mullin's employment agreement with the Bank, the matter is in arbitration. Mr. Mullin notified the Bank of his claim in March 2003. The only parties to the dispute are the Bank and Mr. Mullin. Mr. Mullin is seeking \$500,000 for alleged economic loss, plus attorney's fees. The Bank is seeking attorney's fees. The matter is currently pending. Bancorp believes that the former president's claims are without merit and Bancorp intends to defend this case vigorously.

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### Note 5. Income (Loss) Per Share

The Company is required to present basic income (loss) per share and diluted income (loss) per share in its statements of operations. Basic per share amounts are computed by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted per share amounts assume exercise of all potential common stock in weighted average shares outstanding, unless the effect is antidilutive.

For the three month and six month periods ended June 30, 2003 and 2002, common stock equivalents have been excluded from the computation of the net loss per share because the inclusion of such equivalents is antidilutive. Weighted average shares outstanding for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2003 and 2002 are presented as follows:

	June 30	
	2003	2002
Three month period ended	966,667	966,667
Six month period ended	966,667	966,667

### Note 6. Other Comprehensive Income

Other comprehensive income, which is comprised solely of the change in unrealized gains and losses on available for sale securities, is as follows:



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	Three Months Ended June 30, 2003		
	Before-Tax Amount	Taxes	Net-o Amo
Unrealized holding losses arising during the period	\$ (40,823)	\$ 1,383	(\$
Less: Reclassification adjustment for gains recognized in net income	(5,000)	169	
Unrealized holding loss on available for sale securities, net of taxes	\$ (45,823)	\$ 1,552	(\$
	Six Months Ended June 30, 2003		
	Before-Tax Amount	Taxes	Net-o Amo
Unrealized holding losses arising during the period	\$ (99,784)	\$ 27,597	(\$
Less: Reclassification adjustment for gains recognized in net income	(44,505)	12,308	(
Unrealized holding loss on available for sale securities, net of taxes	\$ (144,289)	\$ 39,905	\$(1

There were no elements of comprehensive income during the three months and six months ended June 30, 2002.

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Note 7. Stock Based Compensation

During the six months ended June 30, 2003, the company granted 155,761 stock options to employees and directors at exercise prices ranging from \$8.00 to \$8.50 per share.

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation", encourages all entities to adopt a fair value based method of accounting for employee stock compensation plans, whereby compensation cost is measured at the grant date based on the value of the award and is recognized over the service period, which is usually the vesting period. However, it also allows an entity to continue to measure compensation cost for those plans using the intrinsic value based method of accounting prescribed by Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees," whereby compensation cost is the excess, if any, of the quoted market price of the stock at the grant date (or other measurement date) over the amount an employee must pay to acquire the stock. Stock options issued to employees and directors under the Company's stock option and warrant plans have no intrinsic value at the grant date, and under Opinion No. 25 no compensation

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cost is recognized for them. During 2002, the Company adopted SFAS No. 148, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation - Transition and Disclosure, an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 123." The Company has elected to continue with the accounting methodology in Opinion No. 25 and, as a result, has provided pro forma disclosures of net loss and earnings per share and other disclosures, as if the fair value based method of accounting had been applied.

Had compensation cost for issuance of such options and warrants been recognized based on the fair values of awards on the grant dates, in accordance with the method described in SFAS No. 123, reported net loss and per share amounts for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2003 would have been increased to the pro forma amounts shown below:

For the three months and six months ended June 30, 2003

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2003	Six J
	-----	-----
Net loss as reported	\$ (228,466)	
Deduct: total stock based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of related tax effects	(46,079)	
	-----	-----
Pro forma net loss	\$ (274,545)	
	=====	=====
Basic diluted loss per share:		
As reported	\$ (0.24)	
	=====	=====
Pro forma	\$ (0.28)	
	=====	=====

### Note 8. Bank Application and Capital Raising

On June 10, 2003, the board directors of the Company, approved the establishment of a new commercial bank in New London, Connecticut and plan to raise between \$10 million to \$15 million capital by Bancorp.

On July 2, 2003, the Company submitted an application to the State of Connecticut, Department of Banking ("Department"), for the establishment by Bancorp of a new commercial bank in New London, Connecticut. The application was subsequently temporarily withdrawn to complete additional information requested by the Department.

On August 7, 2003, the application, including the completed additional information, was resubmitted.

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### Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis or Plan of Operation

#### (a) Plan of Operation

Southern Connecticut Bancorp, Inc. ("Bancorp"), a Connecticut corporation, was incorporated on November 8, 2000 to serve as a bank holding company. Bancorp owns one hundred percent of the capital stock of The Bank of Southern Connecticut ("Bank"), a state chartered bank in New Haven, Connecticut, which commenced operations on October 1, 2001 after receiving its Final Certificate of Authority from the Connecticut Banking Commissioner and its deposit insurance from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"). Bancorp invested \$10,000,000 of the net proceeds of its July 26, 2001 stock offering to purchase the capital stock of the Bank and an additional \$360,000 to cover the Bank's pre-opening deficit. The \$10,000,000 of initial equity capital for the Bank required under the Bank's Temporary Certificate of Authority substantially exceeded the statutory minimum equity capital for a new Connecticut bank of \$5,000,000. Bancorp chose a holding company structure because it provides flexibility that would not otherwise be available. For example, Bancorp could acquire additional banks, establish de novo banks and other businesses, including mortgage companies, leasing companies, insurance agencies and small business investment companies. Bancorp may in the future decide to engage in additional businesses permitted to bank holding companies or financial holding companies. Before Bancorp could acquire interests in other banks, establish de novo banks or expand into other businesses, it may need to obtain regulatory approvals and might need additional capital.

Bancorp has leased a free-standing building located at 215 Church Street, New Haven, Connecticut, located in the central business and financial district of New Haven. It has assigned this lease to the Bank, and the Bank has assumed all rights and obligations under this lease. Both Bancorp and the Bank operate from this facility. On October 7, 2002 the Bank opened a new branch office in Branford, Connecticut at West Main Street and Summit Place. On August 15, 2002 the Bank also purchased a building at 1475 Whalley Avenue in the Westville section of New Haven for a branch office site which was opened on March 24, 2003.

The following table sets forth the location of the Bank's branch offices and other related information:

Office	Location	Status
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Main Office	215 Church Street, New Haven, Connecticut	Leased
Branford Office	445 West Main Street, Branford, Connecticut	Leased
Amity Office	1475 Whalley Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut	Owned

On July 2, 2003, the Company submitted an application to the State of Connecticut, Department of Banking ("Department"), for the establishment by Bancorp of a new commercial bank in New London, Connecticut. The application was subsequently temporarily withdrawn to complete additional information requested by the Department, including a three year balance sheet and income statement forecast for the proposed new bank.

On August 7, 2003, The application, including the completed additional information, was resubmitted to the Department. Bancorp expects the new bank to be operating by the end on the third quarter of 2004.

Bancorp expects to raise \$10 to \$15 million in new capital of which \$6 million will be used to fund the start up of the new bank.

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Management believes that Bancorp's short-term assets have sufficient liquidity to cover potential fluctuations in deposit accounts and loan demand and to meet other anticipated operating cash requirements.

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For a more detailed discussion of Bancorp's liquidity, see Liquidity on page 16 of this Form 10-QSB. Currently, other than the potential start up of a new bank in 2004, as previously discussed, there are no plans involving the significant purchase or sale of property or equipment in the next twelve months. Outside of staffing the new branches, Bancorp does not anticipate a significant change in the number of its employees.

The Bank does not expect to compete with large institutions for the primary banking relationships of large corporations, but it competes for niches in this business segment and for the consumer business of employees of such entities. The Bank focuses on small to medium-sized businesses, professionals and individuals and their employees. This focus includes retail, service, wholesale distribution, manufacturing and international businesses. The Bank attracts these customers based on relationships and contacts which the Bank's directors and management have within and beyond the Bank's primary service area.

Greater New Haven is currently served by approximately 70 offices of commercial banks, none of which is headquartered in New Haven. In addition, New Haven Savings Bank, a mutual savings bank, has 16 branches in the New Haven market. All of these banks are substantially larger than the Bank expects to be in the near future and are able to offer products and services which may be impracticable for the Bank to provide at this time.

There are numerous banks and other financial institutions serving the communities surrounding New Haven which also draw customers from New Haven, posing significant competition for the Bank to attract deposits and loans. The Bank also experiences competition from out-of-state financial institutions. Bancorp will have to obtain customers from the customer base of such existing banks and financial institutions and from growth in New Haven and the surrounding area. Many of such banks and financial institutions are well established and well capitalized, allowing them to provide a greater range of services (including trust services) than the Bank will be able to offer in the near future.

Intense market demands, economic pressures and significant legislative and regulatory actions have eroded banking industry classifications which were once clearly defined and have increased competition among banks and other financial institutions. Market dynamics and legislative and regulatory changes impacting banks and other financial institutions have resulted in a number of new competitors offering services historically offered only by commercial banks; non-bank corporations offering services traditionally offered only by banks; increased customer awareness of product and service differences among competitors; and increased merger activity.

Additional legislative and regulatory changes may affect the Bank in the future; however, the nature of such changes and the effect of their implementation cannot be assessed. New rules and regulations may, among other things, revise limits on interest rates on various categories of deposits and may limit or influence interest rates on loans. Monetary and fiscal policies of the United States government and its instrumentalities, including the Federal Reserve, significantly influence the growth of loans, investments and deposits. The present bank regulatory scheme is undergoing significant change both as it affects the banking industry itself and as it affects competition between banks

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and non-bank financial institutions.

The Bank currently offers products and services described as "core" products and services which are more completely described below. Through correspondent and other relationships, it is expected that the Bank will be able to help our customers meet all of their banking needs, including obtaining services which the Bank may not offer directly.

The Bank is seeking to establish a sound base of core deposits, including checking accounts, money market accounts, savings accounts, sweep accounts, NOW accounts and a variety of certificates of deposits and IRA accounts. To attract deposits, the Bank is employing an aggressive marketing plan in its service area and

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features a broad product line and rates and services competitive with those offered in the New Haven market. The primary sources of deposits have been and are expected to be, residents of, and businesses and their employees located in, New Haven and the surrounding communities. The Bank is obtaining these deposits through personal solicitation by its officers and directors, outside programs and advertisements published and / or broadcasted in the local media.

Deposits and the Bank's equity capital are the sources of funds for lending and investment activities. Repayments on loans, investment income and proceeds from the sale and maturity of investment securities will also provide additional funds for these purposes. While scheduled principal repayments on loans and investment securities are a relatively predictable source of funds, deposit flows and loan prepayments are greatly influenced by general interest rates, economic conditions and competition. The Bank expects to manage the pricing of deposits to maintain a desired deposit balance. The Bank offers drive-in teller services, wire transfers and safe deposit services.

The Bank's loan strategy is to offer a broad range of loans to businesses and individuals in its service area, including commercial and business loans, personal loans, mortgage loans, home equity loans, automobile loans and education loans. The Bank has received lending approval status from the Small Business Administration ("SBA") to enable it to make SBA loans to both the Greater New Haven business community and companies throughout the State of Connecticut. Our marketing focus on small to medium-size businesses and professionals may result in an assumption of certain lending risks that are different from or greater than those which would apply to loans made to larger companies or consumers. Commercial loans generally entail certain additional risks because repayment is usually dependent on the success of the enterprise. The Bank seeks to manage the credit risk inherent in its loan portfolio through credit controls and loan diversification. Prior to approving a loan the Bank evaluates: the credit histories of potential borrowers; the value and liquidity of available collateral; the purpose of the loan; the source and reliability of funds for repayment and other factors considered relevant in the circumstances.

Loans are made on a variable or fixed rate basis with fixed rate loans limited to five year terms. All loans are approved by the Bank's management and the Loan Committee of the Bank's Board of Directors. At the present time, the Bank is not purchasing participation in loans nor is it syndicating or securitizing loans. The Bank may consider participation in multi-bank loans for companies in its service area. Commercial loans and commercial real estate loans may be written for terms of up to twenty years. Loans to purchase or refinance commercial real estate are collateralized by the subject real estate. Loans to local businesses are generally supported by the personal guarantees of the

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principal owners and are carefully underwritten to determine appropriate collateral and covenant requirements.

Other services provided currently or to be provided include, cashier's checks, money orders, travelers checks, bank by mail, direct deposit and U. S. Savings Bonds. The Bank is associated with a shared network of automated teller machines that its customers are able to use throughout Connecticut and other regions. The Bank does not currently expect to offer trust services but may offer trust services through a joint venture with a larger institution. To offer trust services in the future, the Bank would need the approval of the Connecticut Banking Commissioner.

Another significant activity for the Bank is maintaining an investment portfolio. Although granting a variety of loans to generate interest income and loan fees is an important aspect of the Bank's business plan, the aggregate amount of loans will be subject to maintaining a satisfactory loan-to-deposit ratio. The Bank's overall portfolio objective is to maximize the long-term total rate of return through active management of portfolio holdings taking into consideration estimated asset/liability and liquidity needs, tax equivalent yields and maturities. Permissible investments include debt securities such as U. S. Government securities, government sponsored agency securities, municipal bonds, domestic certificates of deposit that are insured by

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the FDIC, mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations. The Bank expects that investments in equity securities will be very limited. The Bank's current investment portfolio is limited to U. S. government obligations which have been classified as available for sale. Accordingly, the principal risk associated with the Banks current investing activities is market risk (variations in value resulting from general changes in interest rates) rather than credit risk.

Overall, the Bank's plan of operation is focused on responsible growth and pricing of deposits and loans, and investment in high quality U. S. government securities to achieve a net interest margin sufficient to cover operating expenses, achieve profitable operations and maintain liquidity.

Currently, the Bank has 22 full-time and two part-time employees. Most routine day-to-day banking transactions are performed at the Bank by its employees. However, the Bank has entered into a number of arrangements for banking services such as correspondent banking, data processing and armored carriers.

(b) Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

### Summary

Bancorp had a net loss of \$228,466 (or a loss per share of \$0.24) for the quarter ended June 30, 2003, compared to a net loss of \$301,155 (or a loss per share of \$0.31) for the quarter ended June 30, 2002. On a year-to-date basis, Bancorp had a net loss of \$412,649 (or a loss per share of \$0.43) for the six months ended June 30, 2003, compared to a net loss of \$614,753 (or a loss per share of \$0.64) for the six months ended June 30, 2002.

### Financial Condition

#### Assets

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Since commencing operations on October 1, 2001, Bancorp has reached total assets of \$48.0 million at June 30, 2003, an increase of \$12.5 million (35%) from \$35.5 million in assets as of December 31, 2002. Earning assets reached \$41.9 million, increasing \$11.3 million (37%) during the first six months of 2003.

Bancorp has maintained liquidity by maintaining balances in overnight Federal funds sold and money market mutual funds to provide funding for higher yielding loans as they are approved and closed. As of June 30, 2003, Federal funds sold were \$.9 million and money market mutual fund balances were \$1.4 million. In addition, Bancorp has invested \$11.4 million in U.S Government Agency securities classified as available for sale with maturities ranging from one month to 19 years.

### Investments

Available for sale securities increased \$1.9 million from December 31, 2002 resulting from increases in deposits that were not invested in new loans due to lower than anticipated loan growth.

### Loans

The net loan portfolio increased \$8.8 million (46%) from \$19.0 million at December 31, 2002 to \$27.8 million at June 30, 2003. The loan to deposit ratio as of June 30, 2003 was 76%. As this ratio increases toward the targeted 80% to 85% range, it is expected that the higher yielding loans versus Federal funds sold, money market funds and investments will produce an increasingly positive impact on net interest spread. No significant loan concentrations have developed during this early stage of building the loan portfolio.

### Critical Accounting Policy

In the ordinary course of business, Bancorp has made a number of estimates and assumptions relating to reporting results of operations and financial condition in preparing its financial statements in conformity with accounting principals

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generally accepted in the United States of America. Actual results could differ significantly from those estimates under different assumptions and conditions. Bancorp believes the following discussion addresses Bancorp's only critical accounting policy, which is the policy that is most important to the portrayal of Bancorp's financial condition and results and requires management's most difficult, subjective and complex judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain

### Allowance for Loan Losses

The allowance for loan losses, a material estimate susceptible to significant change in the near-term, is established as losses are estimated to have occurred through a provision for losses charged against operations, and is maintained at a level that management considers adequate to absorb losses in the loan portfolio. Management's judgment in determining the adequacy of the allowance is inherently subjective and is based on the evaluation of individual loans, pools of homogeneous loans, the known and inherent risk characteristics and size of the loan portfolios, the assessment of current economic and real estate market conditions, estimates of the current value of underlying

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collateral, past loan loss experience, review of regulatory authority examination reports and evaluations of specific loans and other relevant factors. Loans, including impaired loans, are charged against the allowance for loan losses when management believes that the uncollectibility of principal is confirmed. Any subsequent recoveries are credited to the allowance for loan losses when received. In connection with the determination of the allowance for loan losses, management obtains appraisals for significant properties, when considered necessary.

Based on this evaluation, management believes the allowance for loan losses of \$313,702 at June 30, 2003, which represents 1.11% of gross loans outstanding, is adequate, under prevailing economic conditions, to absorb losses on existing loans. At December 31, 2002, the allowance for loan losses was \$232,000 or 1.20% of gross loans outstanding.

### Analysis of Allowance for Loan Losses

	2003 -----	2002 -----
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 232,000	\$ 12,000
Charge-offs	(4,698) -	-
Provision charged to operations	86,400	120,000
Balance at end of period	\$ 313,702 =====	\$ 232,000 =====

### Non-Accrual, Past Due and Restructured Loans

The following table presents non-accruing and past due loans:

(Thousands of dollars)	June 30, 2003	December 31,
Loans delinquent over 90 days still accruing	\$ -	\$ -
Non-accruing loans	16,000	
Total	\$ 16,000	\$ -
% of Total Loans	0.06%	0.
% of Total Assets	0.03%	0.

### Potential Problem Loans

At June 30, 2003, the Bank had no loans, other than disclosed in the table above, as to which management has significant doubts as to the ability of the borrower to comply with the present repayment terms.



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Deposits

The earning asset growth for the six months ended June 30, 2003 has been funded primarily by deposit growth within Bancorp's market area. Deposits reached \$37.0 million at June 30, 2003, an increase of \$12.0 million (48%) from \$25.0 million as of December 31, 2002. The mix of deposits as of June 30, 2003 and December 31, 2002 appears in the table below. Bancorp does not have any brokered deposits.

	June 30, 2003		December 31, 2002
	Balance	Mix	Balance
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Noninterest bearing deposits:	\$ 8,379,199	22.7%	\$6,401,759
Interest bearing deposits:			
Checking	4,397,346	11.9%	2,351,847
Money Market	16,009,227	43.3%	8,858,585
Savings	1,886,238	5.1%	1,029,433
Checking, money market & savings	22,292,811	60.3%	12,239,865
CD'S under \$100,000	2,921,699	7.9%	2,610,756
CD'S of \$100,000 or more	3,360,103	9.1%	3,740,551
Time deposits	6,281,802	17.0%	6,351,307
Interest bearing deposits	28,574,613	77.3%	18,591,172
Total deposits	\$ 36,953,812	100.0%	\$ 24,992,931
	=====	=====	=====

Other

The \$496,000 increase in premises and equipment, net, from December 31, 2002 primarily reflects the building improvements and the purchase of furniture and equipment for the Amity branch which opened in March 2003.

Repurchase agreements decreased from December 31, 2002 due to less activity in these customer accounts.

The decrease in accrued interest receivable is due to the timing of

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interest received on investment securities which have quarterly or semi annual payments of interest. This decrease was partially offset by increases in accrued interest on loans and investments due to increased loan and investment volume.

The increase in Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities is primarily due to the recording of two investment security purchases totaling \$1.3 million on the trade date in June which did not settle until July.

### Results of Operations

De Novo banks in Connecticut have reached profitability on average within three to four years after commencement of operations. The Company anticipates that the Bank will reach profitability within that time frame.

### Net Interest Income

For the quarter ended June 30, 2003, net interest income was \$453.6 thousand versus \$196.4 thousand for the same period in 2002, a \$257.2 thousand or 131% increase. This was the result of an \$18.4 million increase in average

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earning assets, primarily average loans of \$20.3 million partially offset by a decrease in lower yielding short term investments of \$1.8 million.

The yield on average interest earning assets for the three months ended June 30, 2003 was 5.74% versus 5.24% for same period in 2002. The cost of average interest bearing liabilities was 1.86% for the three months ended June 30, 2003 versus 3.16% for the same period in 2002.

For the six months ended June 30, 2003, net interest income was \$842.6 thousand versus \$257.7 thousand for the same period in 2002, a \$584.9 thousand or 227% increase. This was the result of a \$17.0 million increase in average earning assets, primarily loans of \$19.8 million and investments of \$2.1 million, partially offset by a decrease in lower yielding short term investments of \$3.3 million and federal funds sold of \$1.6 million.

The yield on average interest earning assets for the six months ended June 30, 2003 was 6.02% versus 4.41% for same period in 2002. The cost of average interest bearing liabilities was 2.07% for the first six months of 2003 versus 3.38% for the same period in 2002.

### Provision for Loan Losses

The \$28.5 thousand decrease in the provision for loan losses from \$52.0 thousand for the three months ended June 30, 2002 to \$23.5 thousand for the three months ended June 30, 2003 is primarily the result of the continued refinement of the Bank's allowance for loan losses methodology.

The \$16.4 thousand increase in the provision for loan losses for the six months ended June 30, 2003 versus the six months ended June 30, 2002 is due primarily to the increase in loan volume.

### Noninterest Income

The \$19.4 thousand increase in noninterest income for the second quarter of 2003 versus 2002 is the result of increased deposit volume and activity, and a gain on the sale of an available for sale security.

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The \$73.1 thousand increase in noninterest income for the six months ended June 30, 2003 versus 2002 is the result of increased deposit volume and activity, and a \$44.5 thousand gain on the sale of securities.

### Noninterest Expense

Total noninterest expense was \$692.0 thousand for the second quarter of 2003 versus \$459.6 thousand for the same period in 2002, an increase of \$232.4 thousand or 51%. The increase in expense is due to the growth in the Bancorp's loan and deposit volume as well as the addition of the Branford office in late 2002 and the Amity office in March of 2003, requiring additional staffing and other operating expenses.

Total noninterest expense was \$1.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2003 versus \$820.4 thousand for the same period in 2002, an increase of \$439.5 thousand or 54%. The increase in expense is due to the growth in the Bancorp's loan and deposit volume as well as the addition of the Branford office in late 2002 and the Amity office in March of 2003, requiring additional staffing and other operating expenses.

Professional services decreased for the three month and six month periods ended June 30, 2003 versus the same periods in 2002 by \$51.6 thousand and \$50.4 thousand, respectively. The decrease is primarily the result of hiring Michael M. Ciaburri as President and Chief Operating Officer of the Bank as of February 12, 2003 who had worked up to that point as a consultant to the bank developing new loan volume.

### Liquidity

Bancorp's liquidity position as of June 30, 2003 and December 31, 2002 consisted of liquid assets totaling \$15.3 million and \$12.6 million, respectively. This represents 31.2% and 35.4% of total assets at

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March 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002, respectively. The liquidity ratio is defined as the percentage of liquid assets to total assets. The following categories of assets as described in the accompanying balance sheet are considered liquid assets: Cash and due from banks, federal funds sold, short-term investments, held to maturity securities maturing in one year or less and securities available for sale. Liquidity is a measure of Bancorp's ability to generate adequate cash to meet financial obligations. The principal cash requirements of a financial institution are to cover downward fluctuations in deposits and increases in its loan portfolio.

### Capital

The following table illustrates the Bank's regulatory capital ratios at:

	June 30, 2003	December 31, 2002
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Leverage Ratio	16.55%	23.76%
Tier 1 Risk - Based Capital Ratio	21.05%	31.52%
Total Risk - Based Capital Ratio	21.92%	32.43%

Capital adequacy is one of the most important factors used to determine the safety and soundness of individual banks and the banking system. Based on the above ratios, the Bank is considered to be "well capitalized" under

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applicable regulations. To be considered "well capitalized" an institution must generally have a leverage capital ratio of at least 5%, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of at least 6% and a total risk-based capital ratio of at least 10%.

Bancorp is also considered to be well capitalized under the regulatory framework specified by the Federal Reserve Bank. Bancorp's actual and required ratios are not substantially different from those shown above.

### Market Risk

Market risk is defined as the sensitivity of income to fluctuations in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equity prices, commodity prices and other market-driven rates or prices. Based upon on the nature of the Company's business, market risk is primarily limited to interest rate risk, which is the impact that changing interest rates have on current and future earnings.

Bancorp's goal is to maximize long-term profitability, while minimizing its exposure to interest rate fluctuations. The first priority is to structure and price Bancorp's assets and liabilities to maintain an acceptable interest rate spread, while reducing the net effect of changes in interest rates. In order to reach an acceptable interest rate spread, Bancorp must generate loans and seek acceptable long-term investments to replace the lower yielding balances in Federal Funds sold and short-term investments. The focus also must be on maintaining a proper balance between the timing and volume of assets and liabilities re-pricing within the balance sheet. One method of achieving this balance is to originate variable loans for the portfolio to offset the short-term re-pricing of the liabilities. In fact, a number of the interest bearing deposit products have no contractual maturity. Customers may withdraw funds from their accounts at any time and deposits balances may therefore run off unexpectedly due to changing market conditions.

The exposure to interest rate risk is monitored by the Asset and Liability Management Committee ("ALCO") consisting of senior management personnel and selected members of the Board of Directors. ALCO reviews the interrelationships within the balance sheet to maximize net interest income within acceptable levels of risk. ALCO reports to the Board of Directors on a quarterly basis regarding the status of ALCO activities within the Company.

### Impact of Inflation and Changing Prices

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Bancorp's financial statements have been prepared in terms of historical dollars, without considering changes in relative purchasing power of money over time due to inflation. Unlike most industrial companies, virtually all of the assets and liabilities of a financial institution are monetary in nature. As a result, interest rates have a more significant impact on a financial institution's performance than the effect of general levels of inflation. Interest rates do not necessarily move in the same direction or in the same magnitude as the prices of goods and services. Notwithstanding this fact, inflation can directly affect the value of loan collateral, in particular, real estate. Inflation, or disinflation, could significantly affect Bancorp's earnings in future periods.

"Safe Harbor" Statement Under Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

Certain statements contained in Bancorp's public reports, including

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this report, and in particular in this "Management's Discussion and Analysis or Plan of Operation", may be forward looking and subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties. These factors include, but are not limited to, (1) changes in prevailing interest rates which would affect the interest earned on Bancorp's interest earning assets and the interest paid on its bearing liabilities, (2) the timing of re-pricing of Bancorp's interest earning assets and interest bearing liabilities, (3) the effect of changes in governmental monetary policy, (4) the effect of changes in regulations applicable to Bancorp and the conduct of its business, (5) changes in competition among financial service companies, including possible further encroachment of non-banks on services traditionally provided by banks and the impact of recently enacted federal legislation, (6) the ability of competitors which are larger than Bancorp to provide products and services which it is impracticable for Bancorp to provide, (7) the effect of Bancorp's opening of branches, (8) the effect of any decision by Bancorp to engage in any business not historically permitted to it. Other such factors may be described in Bancorp's filings with the SEC.

Although Bancorp believes that it offers the loan and deposit products and has the resources needed for success, future revenues and interest spreads and yields cannot be reliably predicted. These trends may cause Bancorp to adjust its operations in the future. Because of the foregoing and other factors, recent trends should not be considered reliable indicators of future financial results or stock prices.

### Item 3. Controls and Procedures

#### (a) Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures

Bancorp's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, President and Chief Operating Officer, and Vice President and Controller, and the Bank's President and Chief Operating Officer, have concluded that Bancorp's disclosure controls and procedures are effective. This conclusion is based on the above-referenced officers' evaluation of such controls and procedures as of the end of the quarter for which this report is filed.

#### (b) Changes in Internal Controls

There have not been any changes in Bancorp's internal control over financial reporting that have materially effected or are reasonably likely to materially effect, the Bank's internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II Other Information

### Item 1. Legal Proceedings

Bancorp's wholly-owned subsidiary, The Bank of Southern Connecticut ("Bank"), is being sued by former President and Chief Operating officer Gary D. Mullin for breach of contract in connection with Mr. Mullin's dismissal for cause. Pursuant to Mr. Mullin's employment agreement with the Bank, the matter is in arbitration. Mr. Mullin notified the Bank of his claim in March 2003. The only parties to the dispute are the Bank and Mr. Mullin. Mr. Mullin is seeking

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\$500,000 for alleged economic loss, plus attorney's fees. The Bank is seeking attorney's fees. The matter is currently pending. Bancorp believes that the former president's claims are without merit and Bancorp intends to defend this case vigorously.

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### Item 2. Changes in Securities and Use of Proceeds

Not applicable

### Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

Not applicable.

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

Bancorp held its annual meeting of shareholders for 2003 on May 6, 2003. Two items were voted on at that meeting- the re-election of two directors, G. Leon Jacobs and Joshua H. Sandman, each for a three (3) year term; and the ratification of the selection of McGladrey & Pullen, LLP as independent accountants for Bancorp for the year ending December 31, 2003. Each matter passed. Director nominee Jacobs received 944,696 votes "For", 2,000 votes "WITHELD", and there were 0 broker non-votes. Director nominee Sandman received 942,796 votes "FOR", 3,900 "WITHELD", and there were 0 broker-non-votes. With respect to the ratification of the selection of McGladrey & Pullen, LLP, 937,921 votes were cast "FOR" and 7,950 votes were cast "AGAINST" the proposition, and there were 0 broker non-votes and 825 abstentions.

### Item 5. Other Information

On July 8, 2003, the Board of Directors of Bancorp meeting appointed Michael M. Ciaburri President and Chief Operating Officer of Bancorp, effective immediately.

### Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

(a) Exhibits  
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No. ----	Description -----
3(i)	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Issuer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(i) to Issuer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB dated June 30, 2002)
3(ii)	By-Laws of the Issuer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(ii) to the Issuer's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (No. 333-59824))
10.1	Lease, dated as of August 17, 2000, between 215 Church Street, LLC and the Issuer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Issuer's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (No. 333-59824))
10.2	Letter agreement dated January 3, 2001 amending the Lease between 215 Church Street, LLC and the Issuer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Issuer's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (No. 333-59824))
10.3	First Amendment to Lease dated March 30, 2001 between 215 Church Street, LLC and the Issuer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Issuer's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (No. 333-59824))
10.4	Second Amendment to Lease dated March 31, 2001 between 215 Church Street, LLC and the Issuer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Issuer's Registration Statement Form SB-2 (No. 333-59824))

- 10.5 Assignment of Lease dated April 11, 2001 between the Issuer and The Bank of Southern Connecticut (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to the Issuer's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (No. 333-59824))
- 10.6 Employment Agreement dated as of January 23, 2001, between The Bank of Southern Connecticut, the Issuer and Joseph V. Ciaburri (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to the Issuer's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (No. 333-59824))
- 10.7 Employment Agreement dated as of March 29, 2001 between The Bank of Southern Connecticut, and Gary D. Mullin (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the Issuer's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (No. 333-59824))
- 10.8 Issuer's 2001 Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to the Issuer's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (No. 333-59824))
- 10.9 Issuer's 2001 Warrant Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to the Issuer's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (No. 333-59824))
- 10.10 Sublease dated January 1, 2001 between Michael Ciaburri, d/b/a Ciaburri Bank Strategies and The Bank of Southern Connecticut (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 to the Issuer's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (No. 333-59824))
- 10.11 Sublease dated January 1, 2001 between Laydon and Company, LLC and The Bank of Southern Connecticut (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11 to the Issuer's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (No. 333-59824))
- 10.12 Issuer's 2001 Supplemental Warrant Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12 to Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB dated March 29, 2002)
- 10.13 Issuer's 2002 Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Appendix B to Issuer's Definitive Proxy Statement dated April 18, 2002).
- 10.14 Employment Agreement dated as of February 12, 2003, between The Bank of Southern Connecticut and Michael M. Ciaburri. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.14 to Issuer's Form 10-QSB dated May 14, 2003).
- 31.1 Section 302 Certification by Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.
- 31.2 Section 302 Certification by President and Chief Operating Officer.
- 31.3 Section 302 Certification by Vice President and Controller.
- 32.1 Section 906 Certification by Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.
- 32.2 Section 906 Certification by President and Chief Operating Officer.
- 32.3 Section 906 Certification by Vice President and Controller.

(b) Reports on Form 8-K

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The issuer filed one report on Form 8-K during the quarter

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ended June 30, 2003:

Dated June 11, 2003, disclosing the decision by Bancorp's Board of Directors to approve the establishment by Bancorp of a new commercial bank in New London, Connecticut and a capital raising by Bancorp. Both the establishment of the new bank and the capital raising are subject to prior regulatory approval.

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SIGNATURES

In accordance with the requirements of the Exchange Act, the registrant caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT BANCORP, INC.

By: /S/ Joseph V. Ciaburri

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Name: Joseph V. Ciaburri

Title: Chairman & Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 14, 2003

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