# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

## **FORM 10-0**

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

For the quarterly period ended July 28, 2006

or

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

For the transition period from\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_

**Commission file number 0-27639** 

## WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

04-2693383

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1241 East Main Street Stamford, CT 06902

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of Registrant's principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

> Yes 🗵 No 🗆

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer  $\Box$ 

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  $\Box$ 

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes 🛛 No X

At August 25, 2006 the number of shares outstanding of the Registrant's Class A common stock, par value \$.01 per share, was 23,099,783 and the number of shares outstanding of the Registrant's Class B common stock, par value \$.01 per share, was 47.713,563.

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## World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. Consolidated Income Statements (in thousands, except per share data) (unaudited)

		Three Months Ended		
		July 28, 2006		July 29, 2005
Net revenues	\$	93,267	\$	93,812
Cost of revenues		53,266		52,501
Selling, general and administrative expenses		22,508		22,815
Depreciation and amortization		1,860		2,696
Operating income		15,633		15,800
Investment income, net		2,486		1,872
Interest expense		137		152
Other income (expense), net		(496)		(73)
Income before income taxes		17,486		17,447
Provision for income taxes		6,184	_	6,269
Income from continuing operations		11,302		11,178
Income from discontinued operations, net of minority interest and taxes				2
Net income	\$	11,302	\$	11,180
Earnings per share – Basic and Diluted				
Continuing operations	\$	0.16	\$	0.16
Discontinued operations	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
Net income	\$	0.16	\$	0.16
Weighted average common shares outstanding:	Ŧ			
Basic		70,708		68,899
Diluted		71,364		69,627

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

## World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. Consolidated Balance Sheets (dollars in thousands) (unaudited)

	As of July 28, 2006		As of April 30, 2006
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Cash and equivalents	\$ 130,869	\$	175,203
Short-term investments	133,417		105,655
Accounts receivable, net	57,858		67,775
Inventory, net	2,544		1,788
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	11,017		11,140
Assets of discontinued operations	461		457
Total current assets	336,166		362,018
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PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET	67,857		67,570
FEATURE FILM PRODUCTION ASSETS INTANGIBLE ASSETS, NET	48,656 2,738		36,094 1,461
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OTHER ASSETS	12,060	_	12,247
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 467,477	\$	479,390
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CURRENT LIABILITIES:	¢ 022	¢	017
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 833	\$	817
Accounts payable	15,305		19,826
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	33,979		36,017
Deferred income	18,211		19,874
Liabilities of discontinued operations	294	_	294
Total current liabilities	68,622		76,828
LONG-TERM DEBT	6,167	_	6,381
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES	0,107		0,501
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:			
Class A common stock	229		227
Class B common stock	479		479
Additional paid-in capital	280,314		277,693
Accumulated other comprehensive income	58		355
Retained earnings	111,608		117,427
Total stockholders' equity	392,688	_	396,181
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 467,477	\$	479,390

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

## World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (dollars in thousands) (unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		
	 July 28, 2006		July 29, 2005
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Net income	\$ 11,302	\$	11,180
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Income from discontinued operations, net of taxes			(2)
Revaluation of warrants	866		(639)
Depreciation and amortization	1,860		2,696
Amortization of investment income	(122)		(263)
Stock compensation costs	1,534		579
Provision for doubtful accounts			370
Provision for inventory obsolescence	448		307
(Benefit) provision for deferred income taxes	(587)		308
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	9,917		7,179
Inventory	(1,204)		(534)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	123		200
Feature film production assets	(12,562)		(1,952)
Accounts payable	(4,520)		243
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	(3,154)		4,537
Deferred income	(1,541)		(2,588)
	(1,511)	_	(2,500)
Net cash provided by continuing operations	2,360		21,621
Net cash provided by discontinued operations	2,300		136
Net cash provided by discontinued operations	 		150
Net cash provided by operating activities	2,360		21,757
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Additions to property and equipment	(1,890)		(255)
Purchase of film library assets	(1,534)		
Purchase of short-term investments	(45,854)		(1,325)
Proceeds from sales or maturities of short-term investments	17,850		5,470
Net cash (used in) provided by continuing operations	 (31,428)		3,890
Net cash used in discontinued operations	 		
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(31,428)		3,890
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Repayments of long-term debt	(199)		(184)
Dividends paid	(16,954)		(8,267)
Issuance of stock, net	229		187
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	1,291		529
Excess tax benefits from stock-based payment arrangements	367		_
Net cash used in continuing operations	 (15,266)		(7,735)
Net cash used in discontinued operations	 		
Net cash used in financing activities	 (15,266)		(7,735)
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND FOUNDAL ENTS	(44,334)		17.012
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND EQUIVALENTS			17,912
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	 175,203		56,568
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	\$ 130,869	\$	74,480



## World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. Consolidated Statement of Stockholders' Equity and Comprehensive Income (dollars and shares in thousands) (unaudited)

Common Stock		Accumulated Additional Other								
Shares		Amount		Paid - in Capital		Comprehensive Income		Retained Earnings		Total
70,557	\$	706	\$	277,693	\$	355	\$	117,427	\$	396,181
								11,302		11,302
						(143)				(143)
						(154)				(154)
										11,005
				1,534						1,534
138		1								(736)
103		1		1,290						1,291
				367						367
				167				(17,121)		(16,954)
70,798	\$	708	\$	280,314	\$	58	\$	111,608	\$	392,688
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See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

## 1. Basis of Presentation and Business Description

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc., and our subsidiaries. We are an integrated media and entertainment company, with operations organized around four principal segments:

#### Live and Televised Entertainment

• Revenues consist principally of ticket sales to live events, sales of merchandise at these live events, television rights fees, sales of advertising and sponsorships and fees for viewing our pay-per-view and video on demand programming.

## **Consumer Products**

• Revenues consist principally of royalties from products sold by licensees (such as video games, toys and books), sales of WWE produced home videos and magazine publishing.

#### **Digital Media**

• Revenues consist of advertising sales on our websites, sale of merchandise on our website through our WWEShop internet storefront and various broadband and mobile services.

#### WWE Films

• Consists of the production and distribution of filmed entertainment featuring our Superstars. This is a new venture for WWE.

All significant intercompany balances have been eliminated. Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform with the current year presentation. The accompanying consolidated financial statements are unaudited. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation of financial position, results of operations and cash flows at the dates and for the periods presented have been included. The results of operations of any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations for the full year.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires our management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Certain information and note disclosures normally included in annual financial statements have been condensed or omitted from these interim financial statements; these financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included in our Form 10-K for the year ended April 30, 2006.

Our fiscal year ends on April 30 of each year. Unless otherwise noted, all references to years relate to fiscal years, not calendar years, and refer to the fiscal period by using the year in which the fiscal period ends. Our fiscal quarters are thirteen-week periods that end on the thirteenth Friday in the quarter, with the exception of our fourth quarter, which always ends on April 30. In June 2006, the Board of Directors elected to change the Company's fiscal year to a calendar basis beginning with calendar year 2007. This change is intended to simplify communications with shareholders and will enable the reporting of our financial results in a timeframe consistent with the majority of our media and entertainment peers. We have therefore established an eight month transition period from May 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. During this transition period, we will continue to file our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q under our current fiscal reporting schedule, namely for this first quarter ended July 28, 2006 and our second quarter ending October 27, 2006. Subsequently, we will file a Form 10-K covering the transition period from May 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In June 2006, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 48 ("FIN 48"), *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109*. FIN 48 requires that a tax position meet a "more-likely-than-not" recognition threshold for the benefit of an uncertain tax position to be recognized in the financial statements, based on the technical merits of the position. Additionally, FIN 48 provides guidance on derecognition, measurement, classification, interest and penalties, and transition of uncertain tax positions. FIN 48 is effective for the Company on January 1, 2007. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of FIN 48 on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

#### 2. Share Based Compensation

The 1999 Long-Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP") provides for grants of options and other forms of as equity-based incentive awards as determined by the compensation committee of the board of directors as incentives and rewards to encourage employees, directors, consultants and performers to participate in our long-term success. The LTIP provides for grants of options to purchase shares at a price equal to the fair market value on the date of grant. The options expire between 5-10 years after the date of grant and are generally exercisable in installments beginning one year from the date of the grant. In 2004, the Company began issuing restricted stock units. Restricted stock units granted by the Company generally vest annually. Current grants outstanding have vesting periods between three and seven years. As of July 28, 2006 there were 3,411,770 shares available for future grants. The Company has a policy to issue new shares to satisfy option exercises and the vesting of restricted stock units

In December 2004, Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (Revised 2004), *Share-Based Payment* ("SFAS 123(R)") was issued. SFAS 123(R) is a revision of SFAS No. 123, as amended , *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation* ("SFAS 123"). SFAS 123 (R) eliminated the alternative to use the intrinsic value method of accounting that was provided in SFAS 123, which generally resulted in no compensation expense recorded in the financial statements related to the issuance of stock options. SFAS 123(R) requires that the cost resulting from all share based payment transactions be recognized in the financial statements. SFAS 123(R) established fair value as the measurement objective in accounting for share based payment arrangements and requires companies to apply a fair value based measurement method in accounting for share based payment transactions with employees. Prior to May 1, 2006, the Company accounted for stock option grants using the intrinsic value method. Compensation expense relating to restricted stock unit grants was recognized over the period during which the employee rendered service to the Company necessary to earn the award.

Effective May 1, 2006, the Company adopted SFAS 123(R) using the modified prospective method. Under this transition method, compensation cost recognized in the three months ended July 28, 2006 includes amounts of: (a) compensation cost of all share based awards granted to employees prior to, but unvested as of, May 1, 2006, based on grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the original provisions of SFAS 123, and (b) compensation cost for all stock based awards granted subsequent to May 1, 2006, based on the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the new provisions of SFAS 123(R). In accordance with the modified prospective method, results for prior periods have not been restated. Stock based compensation cost was approximately \$1,534 and \$579 for the three months ended July 28, 2006 and July 29, 2005, respectively. The total income tax benefit recognized in the consolidated income statements for stock based compensation arrangements was \$537 and \$208 for the three months ended July 28, 2006 and July 29, 2005, respectively.

SFAS 123(R) also amends SFAS No. 95, *Statement of Cash Flows*, requiring the benefits of tax deductions in excess of recognized compensation costs to be reported as financing cash flows, rather than as operating cash flows as previously required. The tax benefits in excess of recognized compensation cost for the three months ended July 28, 2006 were \$367.

## **Stock Options**

The fair value of stock options was determined using the Black-Scholes valuation model. Such value is recognized as expense over the service period, net of estimated forfeitures, using the straight line method under SFAS 123(R). The Company has not granted any stock options since June 2004.

The following table summarizes the effect of adopting SFAS 123(R) on the reported amounts for three months ended July 28, 2006 relative to amounts that would have been reported using the intrinsic value method under previous accounting:

		Three months ended July 28, 2006					
	_	Intrinsic Value SFAS 123(R) Method Adjustments		· · ·			
Operating income	\$	15,670	\$	(37)	\$	15,633	
Net income	\$	11,326	\$	(24)	\$	11,302	
Net income per basic common share:	\$	0.16	\$	0.0	\$	0.16	
Net income per diluted common share:	\$	0.16	\$	0.0	\$	0.16	

The following table provides relevant information as to reported results for the three months ended July 29, 2005 under the Company's intrinsic value method of accounting for stock options with supplemental information as if the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS 123 had been applied:

		Mo	the Three nths Ended ly 29, 2005
Reported ind	come from continuing operations	\$	11,178
Add:	Stock-based employee compensation expense included in reported income from continuing operations, net of related tax effects		359
Deduct:	Total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of related tax effects		(671)
Pro forma ir	ncome from continuing operations	\$	10,866
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Reported ba	sic and diluted earnings from continuing operations per common share	\$	0.16
Pro forma ba	asic and diluted earnings from continuing operations per common share	\$	0.16

The following table summarizes stock option activity during the three months ended July 28, 2006:

Stock Options	Shares	Weighted Average ercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at May 1, 2006	2,023,905	\$ 12.89	3.8	
Granted	_			
Exercised	(103,443)	\$ 12.48		
Forfeited/Expired	(2,469)	\$ 13.26	—	—
Outstanding at July 28, 2006	1,915,431	\$ 13.04	3.6	\$ 6,756
Vested or expected to vest at July 28, 2006	1,867,359	\$ 13.07	3.6	\$ 6,547
Exercisable at July 28, 2006	1,314,526	\$ 13.54	4.0	\$ 4,024

As of July 28, 2006, the total future compensation cost related to unvested options not yet recognized was \$679 and the weighted average period over which these awards are expected to be recognized was 0.9 years. The Company estimates forfeitures, based on historical trends, when recognizing compensation expense associated with its stock options, and it will adjust its estimate of forfeitures when they are expected to differ. For the three months ended July 28, 2006, the Company estimates that 8% of option grants will be forfeited over the life of each grant. The intrinsic value of options exercised was approximately \$513 and \$158 for the three months ended July 28, 2006, respectively.

Cash received from option exercises under all share-based payment arrangements was \$1,291 and \$529 for the quarters ended July 28, 2006, and July 29, 2005, respectively. The actual tax benefit realized for the tax deductions from option exercise of the share-based payment arrangements totaled \$195 and \$60 for the quarters ended July 28, 2006 and July 29, 2005, respectively.

## **Restricted Stock Units**

The fair value of restricted stock units determined based on the number of shares granted and the quoted price of the Company's common stock on the grant date. The fair value of restricted stock units is recognized as expense over the service period, net of estimated forfeitures, using the straight-line method under SFAS 123(R). The Company estimates forfeitures, based on historical trends, when recognizing compensation expense associated with its restricted stock, and it will adjust its estimate of forfeitures when they are expected to differ. For the three months ended July 28, 2006, the Company estimates that 8% of restricted stock grants will be forfeited over the life of each grant.

During the three months ended July 28, 2006 and July 29, 2005, the Company recognized \$1,420 and \$579, respectively, of compensation expense associated with restricted stock units, which was classified in selling, general and administrative expense.

The following table summarizes the activity of restricted stock units during the three months ended July 28, 2006:

Restricted Stock Units	Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value		
Unvested at May 1, 2006	727,742	\$ 1	12.88	
Granted	507,750	]	16.50	
Vested	(179,683)	1	13.20	
Forfeited/Expired	(12,579)	1	12.74	
Dividends	14,768	1	12.97	
Unvested at July 28, 2006	1,057,998	1	14.57	
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As of July 28 2006, there was \$11,840 of total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested restricted stock units to be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately 1.5 years. Based on the current restricted stock units outstanding, \$3,030 of compensation expense will be recognized over the remainder of the transition period and \$5,606 of compensation expense will be recognized in 2007. The remaining \$3,204 will be recognized from 2008 to 2011.

SFAS 123(R)'s requirement to apply an estimated forfeiture rate to unvested awards resulted in an increase in net earnings, and a cumulative effect of accounting change, as the Company previously recorded forfeitures when they occurred. For the three months ended July 28, 2006, the cumulative effect of accounting change totaled \$215 (\$140 net of related tax effect) and was recorded in selling, general and administrative expense because its impact on net income and net income per share was not significant.

## **Employee Stock Purchase Plan**

We provide a stock purchase plan for our employees. Under the plan, any regular full-time employee may contribute up to 10% of their base compensation (subject to certain income limits) to the semi-annual purchase of shares of our common stock. The purchase price is 85% of the fair market value at certain plan-defined dates. SFAS 123(R) defines this plan as compensatory, and accordingly, a charge is recorded for the difference between the fair market value and the discounted price. During the current quarter, a purchase occurred and resulted in a \$49 charge to the Company. 83 employees were participants in the stock purchase plan and these employees purchased approximately 13,154 shares of our common stock at a price of \$12.77 per share.

#### **Recent Equity Transactions**

In July 2006, we granted 507,750 restricted stock units at a price per share of \$16.50. Such issuances were granted to officers and employees under our LTIP. Total compensation cost related to the grant of the restricted stock units, based on the estimated value of the units on the grant date, is \$7,708 and is being amortized over the vesting period, which is three years.

In July 2006 we paid quarterly dividends of \$0.24 per share, or \$16,954, on all Class A and Class B common shares.

#### 3. Earnings Per Share

For purposes of calculating basic and diluted earnings per share, we used the following weighted average common shares outstanding:

	Three mon	ths ended
	July 28, 2006	July 29, 2005
Basic	70,708,088	68,898,601
Diluted	71,364,439	69,627,110
Dilutive effect of outstanding options and restricted stock units	656,351	728,509
Anti-dilutive outstanding options	10,292	2,710,500

## 4. Segment Information

During fiscal 2006, we expanded the number of our reportable segments to four in order better to reflect the manner in which management analyzes the performance of our Company including our digital media businesses and the production of feature films. We have also reclassified certain other operations between the reportable segments. All prior year segment information has been adjusted to reflect the current presentation. We do not allocate corporate overhead to each of the segments and as a result, corporate overhead is a reconciling item in the table below. There are no intersegment revenues. Revenues derived from sales outside of North America were approximately \$17,025 and \$23,055 for the three months ended July 28, 2006, and July 29, 2005, respectively. Unallocated assets consist primarily of cash, short-term investments, real property and other investments.

		Three months ended		
	Ju	ly 28, 2006	3, 2006 July	
Net revenues:				
Live and Televised Entertainment	\$	64,313	\$	71,861
Consumer Products		23,329		18,239
Digital Media		5,625		3,712
WWE Films		—		—
Total net revenues	\$	93,267	\$	93,812
	Ŷ	<i>93,201</i>	Ψ	<i>93</i> ,012
Depreciation and amortization:				
Live and Televised Entertainment	\$	792	\$	955
Consumer Products		257		356
Digital Media		33		508
WWE Films		—		—
Corporate		778		877
Total depreciation and amortization	\$	1,860	\$	2,696
Operating income:				
Live and Televised Entertainment	\$	21,131	\$	25,023
Consumer Products	÷	11,870	Ŷ	9,060
Digital Media		520		38
WWE Films		(414)		(248)
Corporate		(17,474)		(18,073)
Total operating income	\$	15,633	\$	15,800
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		As of			
	July 200	· -			
Assets:					
Live and Televised Entertainment	\$ 7:	5,375 \$ 8	8,898		
Consumer Products	22	2,803 1	6,853		
Digital Media		3,909	3,380		
WWE Films	55	5,563 3	9,010		
Unallocated (1)	309	9,827 33	1,249		
Total assets	\$ 46'	7,477 \$ 47	'9,390		

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes assets of discontinued operations of \$461 and \$457 as of July 28, 2006 and April 30, 2006, respectively.

## 5. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consisted of the following:

	As	of
	July 28, 2006	April 30, 2006
Land, buildings and improvements	\$ 56,013	\$ 55,957
Equipment	46,472	44,788
Corporate aircraft	20,738	20,710
Vehicles	637	518
	123,860	121,973
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	56,003	54,403
Total	\$ 67,857	\$ 67,570

Depreciation and amortization expense for property and equipment was \$1,604 and \$2,188 for the three months ended July 28, 2006, and July 29, 2005, respectively.

## 6. Feature Film Production Assets

Feature film production assets are summarized as follows:

	А	s of
	July 28, 2006	April 30, 2006
Feature film productions:		
In release	\$ 10,908	\$ —
Completed but not released	23,048	33,744
In production	13,963	1,702
In development	737	648
Total	\$ 48,656	\$ 36,094

Our first feature film, *See No Evil*, was released domestically during the current quarter. *See No Evil* achieved more than \$15,000 in gross domestic box office receipts and is currently being distributed in international theatrical markets. Our second film, *The Marine*, is currently scheduled for release in October 2006. Our third feature film, *The Condemned*, is currently post-production in Australia.

The Company estimates that approximately 20% of "In release" film production assets is estimated to be amortized over the next twelve months. Approximately 80% of "In release" film production assets is estimated to be amortized over the next three years.

Unamortized feature film production assets are evaluated for impairment each reporting period. If the estimated revenue is not sufficient to recover the unamortized asset, the asset will be written down to fair value. As of July 28, 2006, we do not believe any assets included in Feature Film Production Assets are impaired.

In addition to the capitalized production costs related for these three films, we have also capitalized certain script development costs for various other film projects. Capitalized script development costs are reviewed periodically for impairment, and are expensed if a project is deemed to be abandoned. There were no previously capitalized development costs expensed for abandoned projects for the three months ended July 28, 2006 or July 29, 2005.

## 7. Intangible Assets

Intangible assets consist of acquired sports entertainment film libraries, trademarks and trade names. We have classified these costs as intangible assets and amortize them over the period of the expected revenues to be derived from these assets, generally from three to six years.

Intangible assets consisted of the following:

			Jul	As of y 28, 2006	
	Ca	Fross rrying nount	Accumulated Amortization		Net arrying mount
Film libraries	\$	7,159	\$	(4,719)	\$ 2,440
Trademarks and trade names		2,660		(2,362)	 298
	\$	9,819	\$	(7,081)	\$ 2,738

			Apr	As of il 30, 2006			
	Ca	Gross nrrying mount	rying Accumulated				Net arrying mount
Film libraries	\$	5,626	\$	(4,574)	\$ 1,052		
Trademarks and trade names		2,660		(2,251)	 409		
	\$	8,286	\$	(6,825)	\$ 1,461		

Amortization expense was \$256 and \$508 for the three months ended July 28, 2006 and July 29, 2005, respectively.

The following table presents estimated future amortization expense:

For the eight months ending December 31, 2006	\$ 531
For the year ending December 31, 2007	928
For the year ending December 31, 2008	809
For the year ending December 31, 2009	470
	\$ 2,738

## 8. Short-term Investments

Short-term investments consisted of the following as of July 28, 2006 and April 30, 2006:

		July 28, 2006						
		Cost		Unrealized Holding Cost Loss				Fair Value
Fixed-income mutual funds and other Municipal bonds	\$	91,613 44,900	\$	(3,096)	\$	88,517 44,900		
Total	\$	136,513	\$	(3,096)	\$	133,417		

	 Cost	nrealized Holding Loss	 Fair Value
Fixed-income mutual funds and other	\$ 90,659	\$ (2,848)	\$ 87,811
United States Treasury Notes	 17,850	 (6)	 17,844
Total	\$ 108,509	\$ (2,854)	\$ 105,655

#### 9. Commitments and Contingencies

### Legal Proceedings

#### World Wide Fund for Nature

There has been no significant development in this legal proceeding subsequent to the disclosure in Note 11 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2006, except as follows:

In response to an application made by the Company, on June 26, 2006, the Fund was ordered to provide further clarification of its damages claim. The Fund made such further filing on July 21, 2006. All proceedings are stayed pending the outcome of our appeal of the court's February 16, 2006 judgment that the Fund is entitled in point of law to seek restitutionary damages, which is listed to be heard on December 5, 2006.

#### Shenker & Associates; THQ/Jakks

There has been no significant development in this legal proceeding subsequent to the disclosure in Note 11 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2006, except as follows:

With regard to the THQ/Jakks matter, on July 7, 2006, we filed our response in opposition to the defendants' motions to dismiss based on any remaining RICO issues. We also filed a motion to strike and response in opposition to the motion to dismiss filed by Jakks Pacific, Inc. ("Jakks") and its affiliated parties only based on the alleged applicability of a release contained in a prior, wholly-unrelated settlement agreement. Oral argument on the defendants' motions to dismiss is scheduled for September 6, 2006.

#### **IPO Class Action**

There has been no significant development in this legal proceeding subsequent to the disclosure in Note 11 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2006.

#### Item 2.

#### Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

## Background

As previously disclosed, the Company will change its financial reporting to a calendar basis beginning with calendar year 2007. This change is intended to simplify our communication with shareholders and will enable us to report our financial results in a timeframe consistent with the majority of our media and entertainment peers. WWE is currently in an eight month transition period from May 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. We will issue one additional quarterly report for our second fiscal quarter ending October 27, 2006 and will subsequently file a transitional annual report for the eight months ending December 31, 2006.

Beginning in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2006, we expanded the number of our reportable segments to four in order to better reflect the manner in which management analyzes the performance of our Company, including our digital media businesses and the production of feature films. We have also reclassified certain other operations between the reportable segments. All prior year information has been adjusted to reflect the current presentation. The following analysis outlines all material activities contained within each segment.

#### Live and Televised Entertainment

• Revenues consist principally of ticket sales to live events, sales of merchandise at these live events, television rights fees, sales of advertising and sponsorships, and fees for viewing our pay-per-view and video on demand programming.

## **Consumer Products**

Revenues consist principally of WWE produced home videos and magazine publishing and royalties from products sold by licensees (such as video games, toys and books).

## **Digital Media**

• Revenues consist principally of advertising sales on our websites, sale of merchandise on our website through our WWEShop internet storefront and various broadband and mobile services.

## WWE Films

• Consists of the production and distribution of filmed entertainment featuring our Superstars. This is a new venture for WWE and we have not earned any revenue to date.

## **Results of Operations**

Profit contribution margin

First Quarter Ended July 28, 2006 compared to First Quarter Ended July 29, 2005 (Dollars in millions, except as noted)

### Summary

Net Revenues		July 28, 2006						uly 29, 2005	better (worse)
Live and Televised Entertainment	\$	64.4	\$	71.9	(10)%				
Consumer Products		23.3		18.2	28%				
Digital Media		5.6		3.7	51%				
WWE Films		—							
Total	\$	93.3	\$	93.8	(1)%				

Cost of Revenues	July 200		uly 29, 2005	better (worse)
Live and Televised Entertainment	\$	39.2	\$ 42.2	7%
Consumer Products		10.2	7.8	(31)%
Digital Media		3.9	2.5	(56)%
WWE Films		—		
Total	\$	53.3	\$ 52.5	(2)%

43%

44%

Operating Income:		July 28, 2006		• /		• /		• /		July 29, 2005	better (worse)
Live and Televised Entertainment	\$	21.1	\$	25.0	(16)%						
Consumer Products		11.9		9.1	31%						
Digital Media		0.5		0.0	NA						
WWE Films		(0.4)		(0.2)	(100)%						
Corporate		(17.5)		(18.1)	3%						
Total operating income	\$	15.6	\$	15.8	(1)%						
Income from continuing operations	\$	11.3	\$	11.2	1%						

Our Live and Televised Entertainment revenues decreased due to the production of one fewer pay-per-view event and five fewer international events in the current period. Quarterly results were also impacted by the absence of all domestic television advertising revenues

as a result of our distribution agreement with USA Network, which took effect in October of 2005.

Consumer Products revenues increased based on the performance of our home video business, reflecting a 55% increase in gross units sold. This increase was partially offset by a decline in licensing revenues as compared to the prior year quarter.

Digital Media revenues increased primarily due to the additional sales generated from our e-commerce storefront, WWEShop, reflecting additional orders processed.

The following chart reflects comparative revenues and key drivers for each of the businesses within our Live and Televised Entertainment segment:

Live and Televised Entertainment Revenues	J	July 28, July 29, 2006 2005								better (worse)
Live events	\$	15.9	\$	16.5	(4)%					
Number of North American events		84		63	33%					
Average North American attendance		5,280		4,590	15%					
Average North American ticket price (dollars)	\$	35.13	\$	37.47	(6)%					
Number of international events		2		7	(71)%					
Average international attendance		4,030		10,700	(62)%					
Average international ticket price (dollars)	\$	10.12	\$	75.58	(87)%					
Venue merchandise	\$	4.7	\$	3.3	42%					
Domestic per capita spending (dollars)	\$	11.00	\$	10.59	4%					
Pay-per-view	\$	19.9	\$	21.6	(8)%					
Number of pay-per-view events		4		5	(20)%					
Number of buys from pay-per-view events	1,	214,000	1	,444,500	(16)%					
Average revenue per buy (dollars)	\$	15.10	\$	14.77	2%					
Domestic retail price, excluding <i>WrestleMania</i> (dollars) * 1 event at \$34.95 and 3 events at \$39.95	\$	39.95*	\$	34.95	14%					
Television advertising	\$	1.1	\$	10.4	(89)%					
Sponsorship revenues	\$	0.1	\$	1.0	(90)%					
Television rights fees										
Domestic	\$	14.3	\$	12.9	11%					
International	\$	7.9	\$	7.1	11%					
Other	\$	0.6	\$	0.1	500%					
Total	\$	64.4	\$	71.9	(10)%					
Ratings										
Average weekly household ratings for Raw		4.0		3.8	3%					
Average weekly household ratings for SmackDown		2.4		3.1	(23)%					
Average weekly household ratings for ECW		2.3		_	NA					
Cost of Revenues-Live and Televised Entertainment	J	uly 28, 2006		July 29, 2005	better (worse)					
Live events	\$	12.2	\$	12.8	5%					
Venue merchandise		3.5		2.0	(75)%					
Pay-per-view		6.6		8.6	23%					
Advertising		0.1		3.6	97%					
Television		14.0		12.8	(9)%					
Other		2.8		2.4	(17)%					
Total	\$	39.2	\$	42.2	7%					
Profit contribution margin	_	39%	Ď	41%						

Live events revenues declined \$0.6 million primarily as a result of the production of five fewer international events in the current period. The two international events that occurred in the current quarter were performed in emerging territories in Latin America while the seven events performed in the prior year quarter were part of two tours in well established markets, leading to a decrease in revenue generated from international events of \$5.4 million in the current quarter. This decline was offset, in part, by the production of 21 additional North American events and a 15% increase in the average attendance at our North American events. In the current quarter we also re-launched our Extreme Championship Wrestling ("ECW") brand and performed seven ECW events resulting in \$0.2 million in revenue. While we continue to develop and grow the brand, ECW events are currently held in smaller venues which generate lower attendance and revenues per event. The average revenue per event is currently significantly less than our *Raw* and *SmackDown* brands. The cost of revenues for live events decreased by 5% primarily due to the fewer international events performed in the current quarter. This decrease in the cost of revenues and increased domestic attendance, led to a contribution margin of 23% compared to 22% in the prior year quarter.

Venue merchandise revenues increased \$1.4 million, or 42%, from the prior year quarter due to the increase in average North American attendance combined with an increase in domestic per capita spending dollars. Venue merchandise cost of revenues also increased due to the volume of merchandise sold, resulting in the profit contribution margin remaining consistent quarter over quarter.

Pay-per-view revenues declined in the current quarter due to the timing of our pay-per-view dates as we aired four pay-per-view events in the current quarter as compared to five pay-per-view events in the prior year quarter. International buys, which grew to approximately 415,000 buys for the three months ended July 28, 2006 from approximately 373,000 buys for the three months ended July 29, 2005, representing 40% of total buys during the current quarter as compared to 28% of total buys in the prior year. The decrease in revenue was partially offset by the increase in the domestic retail price charged for each pay-per-view event. Beginning with our ECW pay-per-view, which was the second pay-per-view produced in the quarter, we increased the domestic retail price from \$34.95 to \$39.95. This represented our first increase in retail price in more than four years. The decrease in the number of events, combined with a \$1.5 million decrease in consumer advertising expense related to pay-per-views, led to a 23% decrease in the pay-per-view cost of revenues. The contribution margin for pay-per-view increased to 67% for the three months ended July 28, 2006 from 60% for the three months ended July 29, 2005.

Advertising revenues for the current period are primarily comprised of the sale of advertising on our Canadian television programs and sales of sponsorship packages. As previously disclosed, we entered into a new distribution agreement beginning in October 2005 whereby our Raw program and a one-hour weekend Raw branded program air on the USA Network. Also, Raw airs replays on Telemundo and mun2. Under the terms of this agreement, we no longer sell or participate in any domestic advertising revenue. This represented a \$8.0 million loss of advertising revenues as compared to the prior year. The decrease in advertising cost of revenues reflects the absence of costs associated with selling domestic cable advertising during the current quarter.

Television rights fees increased by \$2.2 million as compared to the prior year quarter. This increase is due in part to the rights fees received for our ECW programming in the current quarter which were not present in the prior year quarter. The remaining increase is due to increased international rights fees in various territories including the United Kingdom and Indonesia. The increase in television cost of revenues is due to the production of six additional televised ECW events in the current quarter. We produced 28 televised events in the current quarter as compared to 22 in the comparable period last year.

The following chart reflects comparative revenues and certain drivers for selected businesses within our Consumer Products segment:

Consumer Products Revenues		July 28, 2006		July 29, 2005	better (worse)
Licensing		5.6	\$	7.5	(25)%
Magazine publishing	\$	3.1	\$	2.1	48%
Net units sold		1,029,300		730,400	41%
Home video	\$	14.5	\$	8.5	71%
Gross units sold		1,119,000		722,000	55%
Other	\$	0.1	\$	0.1	—
T 1	¢	22.2	\$	10.0	28%
Total	\$	23.3	ф	18.2	20%
Total Cost of Revenues-Consumer Products	\$	23.3 July 28, 2006	¢	July 29, 2005	better (worse)
	\$  \$	July 28,	э \$	July 29,	better
Cost of Revenues-Consumer Products Licensing		July 28, 2006		July 29, 2005	better (worse) 46%
Cost of Revenues-Consumer Products		July 28, 2006		July 29, 2005 2.4	better (worse) 46% (92)%
Cost of Revenues-Consumer Products Licensing Magazine publishing		July 28, 2006		July 29, 2005 2.4 1.2	better (worse) 46% (92)%
Cost of Revenues-Consumer Products Licensing Magazine publishing Home video		July 28, 2006 1.3 2.3 6.5		July 29, 2005 2.4 1.2	better (worse) 46%

Licensing revenues decreased in part due to a decline in royalties earned related to multimedia video games and novelty products. In the prior year quarter, \$1.5 million of revenue was reported for the *WrestleMania* 21 game on the Xbox platform while no new videogames were released in the comparable period this year. The decrease in novelty related revenue was driven by the decline in novelty product sales in international markets. The decrease in licensing revenue led to a decrease in the cost of licensing revenues of 46% due to a decrease in commissions paid to international licensing agents as well as a decrease in talent expense.

Magazine publishing revenue increased 48% in the current quarter over the prior year comparable quarter. This increase was primarily driven by the publication of one additional issue in the current quarter. Beginning in July 2006, the Company began publishing a new magazine titled *WWE Magazine* that will replace our former *Raw* and *SmackDown* magazines. The additional issue combined with an increase in editorial costs related to the transition to *WWE Magazine* generated the increase in magazine publishing costs of revenues.

Home video revenues increased \$6.0 million, or 71%, led by the successful release of the three-disc *Wrestlemania* 22 DVD which shipped over 345,000 units during the quarter. The 1.1 million gross DVD units shipped were the highest quarterly amount in the Company's history. DVD revenue accounted for \$4.7 million of the increased revenue driven by the sale of approximately 405,000 additional units as compared to the prior year quarter. The remaining \$1.3 million increase is due to additional international licensing revenues from home video sales. The increase in home video cost of revenues is primarily due to the increased volume of home video sales in the current quarter, reflecting additional duplication and distribution fees.

The following chart provides performance results and key drivers for our Digital Media segment:

Digital Media Revenues	J	July 28, 2006		fuly 29, 2005	better (worse)
WWE.com	\$	2.1	\$	1.7	24%
WWEShop	\$	3.3	\$	1.8	83%
Average revenues per order (dollars)	\$	47.36	\$	42.72	11%
Other	\$	0.2	\$	0.2	—
Total	\$	5.6	\$	3.7	51%
Cost of Revenues-Digital Media		uly 28, 2006	J	uly 29, 2005	better (worse)
WWE.com	\$	1.5	\$	1.1	(36)%
WWEShop		2.1		1.1	(91)%
Other		0.3		0.3	
Total	\$	3.9	\$	2.5	(56)%
Profit contribution margin		30%	,	32%	



The 24% increase in WWE.com revenues was primarily due to web advertising and wireless content revenue. An increase in streaming expenses, due to additional web activity and increased web content expenses, led to an increase in cost of revenues as the Company continues to focus on expanding its web based content.

WWEShop revenues increased due to a 68% increase in the orders processed to over 69,000 in the current quarter, combined with an 11% increase in the price paid per order processed, to \$47.36 in the current quarter. The increase in orders processed was the primary driver of the increase in WWEShop cost of revenues in the current quarter.

## WWE Films

Our first feature film, *See No Evil*, was released during the current quarter and, accordingly, no revenues have been recorded to date. We do not participate in revenues until the print and advertising costs incurred by our distributor have been recouped and the results have been reported to us. *See No Evil* achieved more than \$15.0 million in gross domestic box office receipts and is currently being distributed in international theatrical markets. For the three months ended July 28, 2006 we spent approximately \$12.6 million for the production of our third feature film, *The Condemned*.

#### Selling, General and Administrative

The following chart reflects the amounts and percent change of certain significant overhead items:

	July	28, 2006	July 29, 2005		better (worse)
Staff related	\$	11.0	\$	11.5	4%
Legal, accounting and other professional		2.8		3.7	24%
Stock compensation costs		1.5		0.6	(150)%
Advertising and promotion		0.6		0.6	
Bad debt				0.4	NA
All other		6.6		6.0	(10)%
Total SG&A	\$	22.5	\$	22.8	1%
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SG&A as a percentage of net revenues		24%	ó	24%	

The decrease in staff related expenses is primarily due to the absence of costs related to the domestic advertising sales staff.

The decrease in legal, accounting and other professional dues is primarily due to a decrease in the amount of legal expenses incurred in the current period.

Stock compensation expense in the current quarter includes \$0.3 million of expenses related to stock options and \$1.2 million of expenses related to the amortization of restricted stock unit grants. Stock compensation expense in the prior year quarter relates only to the amortization of the fair value of restricted stock unit grants issued to employees under our 1999 Long-Term Incentive Plan. As previously disclosed the Company adopted the provisions of SFAS 123(R) on May 1, 2006 requiring compensation expense to be recorded for stock options.

	July 2	8, 2006	July	29, 2005	better (worse)
Depreciation and amortization	\$	1.9	\$	2.7	30%

Depreciation and amortization expense declined as the amount of capitalized property, plant and equipment that became fully depreciated in the current year exceeded the depreciation associated with capital additions in the current year.

	Investment income, net	\$	2.5 \$	1.9	32%
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The increase reflects higher short term interest rates as compared to the prior year.

Interest expense	\$	0.1	\$	0.2	50%
	July 28,	2006	July 2	8, 2005	
Provision for income taxes	\$	6.2	\$	6.3	2%
Effective tax rate		35%	, D	36%	

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash flows from operating activities for the three months ended July 28, 2006 and July 29, 2005 were \$2.4 million and \$21.8 million, respectively. The decline in cash flows from operating activities is primarily driven by the \$12.6 million spent in connection with the filming of our third feature film, *The Condemned*. The Company estimates that an additional \$4.0 million will be spent on *The Condemned* during the five months ended December 31, 2006. Working capital, consisting of current assets less current liabilities, was \$267.5 million as of July 28, 2006 and \$285.2 million as of April 30, 2006.

Cash flows used by investing activities were \$31.4 million for three months ended July 28, 2006 and cash flows provided by investing activities were \$3.9 million for the three months ended July 29, 2005, respectively. As of August 21, 2006, we had approximately \$133.5 million invested primarily in fixed-income mutual funds and municipal bonds. Our investment policy is designed to preserve capital and minimize interest rate, credit and market risk. Capital expenditures for the three months ended July 28, 2006 were \$1.9 million as compared to \$0.3 million for the three months ended July 29, 2005. Capital expenditures for the five months ended December 31, 2006 are estimated to range between \$4.0 million and \$7.0 million

Cash flows used in financing activities were \$15.3 million and \$7.7 million for the three months ended July 28, 2006 and July 29, 2005, respectively. Total dividend payments on all Class A and Class B common shares in the current three month period ended July 28, 2006 were approximately \$17.0 million as compared to \$8.3 million in the prior year period ended July 29, 2005. Assuming the same dividend rate and the same stock ownership, the estimated amount of dividends to be paid for the remaining five months in the transition period is approximately \$17.0 million.

We are producing feature films in order to further capitalize on our intellectual property and fan base. We released *See No Evil* during the current quarter and *The Marine* is scheduled for release in October 2006. As of July 28, 2006 we have approximately \$48.7 million in capitalized film development costs. We do not participate in revenues until the print and advertising costs incurred by our distributors have been recouped and the results have been reported to us.

## **Contractual Obligations**

In addition to long-term debt, we have entered into various other contracts under which we are required to make guaranteed payments, including:

- Various operating leases for office space and equipment.
- Employment contract with Vincent K. McMahon, which runs through October 2007, with annual renewals thereafter if not terminated by us or Mr. McMahon, as well as a talent contract with Mr. McMahon that is coterminous with his employment contract. Mr. McMahon is currently waiving all of his compensation under these agreements.
- Employment contract with Linda E. McMahon, which runs through October 2007, with annual renewals thereafter if not terminated by us or Mrs. McMahon. Mrs. McMahon is currently waiving all of her compensation under this agreement.
- Other employment contracts which are generally for one-to three-year terms.
- Service contracts with certain of our independent contractors, including our talent, which are generally for one-to four-year terms.

Our aggregate minimum payment obligations under these contracts as of July 28, 2006, assuming the continued waiver of compensation by Mr. and Mrs. McMahon, were as follows:

	_			Pa	yments	due by peri	od			
	er	8 months ending 12/31/06 2007 to 2009				After 2011				
					(\$ in	millions)				
Long-term debt (including interest expense)	\$	0.5	\$	4.0	\$	2.8	\$	1.8	\$	9.1
Operating leases		0.4		1.7		0.8		1.7		4.6
Talent, employment agreements and other commitments		10.2		25.3		5.3		12.5		53.3
Total commitments	\$	11.1	\$	31.0	\$	8.9	\$	16.0	\$	67.0

We believe that cash generated from operations and our existing cash and short-term investments will be sufficient to meet our cash needs over the next twelve months for working capital, capital expenditures and payment of quarterly dividends.

## **Application of Critical Accounting Policies**

There have been no additional changes to our accounting policies that were previously disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for our fiscal year ended April 30, 2006 or in the methodology used in formulating these significant judgments and estimates that affect the application of these policies, other than the adoption of SFAS123(R). Amounts included in our consolidated balance sheets in accounts that we have identified as being subject to significant judgments and estimates were as follows:

	Α	As of			
	July 28, 2006	April 30, 2006			
Pay-per-view accounts receivable	\$ 19.8 million	\$ 28.5 million			
Home video reserve for returns	\$ 4.8 million	\$ 3.8 million			
Publishing newsstand reserve for returns	\$ 3.7 million	\$ 4.5 million			
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 3.6 million	\$ 3.7 million			

#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In June 2006, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 48 ("FIN 48"), *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109*. FIN 48 requires that a tax position meet a "more-likely-than-not" recognition threshold for the benefit of an uncertain tax position to be recognized in the financial statements, based on the technical merits of the position. Additionally, FIN 48 provides guidance on derecognition, measurement, classification, interest and penalties, and transition of uncertain tax positions. FIN 48 is effective for the Company on January 1, 2007. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of FIN 48 on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

There are no other accounting standards or interpretations that have been issued, but which we have not yet adopted, that we believe will have a material impact on our financial statements.

#### Cautionary Statement for Purposes of the "Safe Harbor" Provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a "safe harbor" for certain statements that are forward-looking and are not based on historical facts. When used in this Quarterly Report, the words "may," "will," "could," "anticipate," "plan," "continue," "project," "intend", "estimate", "believe", "expect" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain such words. These statements relate to our future plans, objectives, expectations and intentions and are not historical facts and accordingly involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results or the performance by us to be materially different from future results or performance expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. The following factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking statements made in this Quarterly Report, in press releases and in oral statements made by our authorized officers: (i) our failure to maintain or renew key agreements could adversely affect our ability to distribute our television and pay-per-view programming and, in this regard, our agreement with UPN for the broadcast of our television show SmackDown runs until September 2006. We are finalizing a new agreement with UPN, and its successor, the CW Network, which has announced that SmackDown will continue on Friday nights; (ii) our failure to continue to develop creative and entertaining programs and events would likely lead to a decline in the popularity of our brand of entertainment;

(iii) our failure to retain or continue to recruit key performers could lead to a decline in the appeal of our storylines and the popularity of our brand of entertainment; (iv) the loss of the creative services of Vincent K. McMahon could adversely affect our ability to create popular characters and creative storylines; (v) a decline in general economic conditions could adversely affect our business; (vi) a decline in the popularity of our brand of sports entertainment, including as a result of changes in the social and political climate, could adversely affect our business; (vii) changes in the regulatory atmosphere and related private sector initiatives could adversely affect our business; (viii) the markets in which we operate are highly competitive, rapidly changing and increasingly fragmented, and we may not be able to compete effectively, especially against competitors with greater financial resources or marketplace presence; (ix) we face uncertainties associated with international markets; (x) we may be prohibited from promoting and conducting our live events if we do not comply with applicable regulations; (xi) because we depend upon our intellectual property rights, our inability to protect those rights, or our infringement of others' intellectual property rights, could adversely affect our business; (xii) we could incur substantial liabilities if pending material litigation is resolved unfavorably; (xiii) our insurance may not be adequate to cover liabilities resulting from accidents or injuries that occur during our physically demanding events; (xiv) we will face a variety of risks as we expand into new and complementary businesses such as subscription video-on-demand and feature films; (xv) through his beneficial ownership of a substantial majority of our Class B common stock, our controlling stockholder, Vincent K. McMahon, can exercise control over our affairs, and his interests may conflict with the holders of our Class A common stock; (xvi) a substantial number of shares will be eligible for future sale by Mr. McMahon, and the sale of those shares could lower our stock price; and (xvii) our Class A common stock has a relatively small public "float". The forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this Quarterly Report and undue reliance should not be placed on these statements.

#### Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

In the normal course of business, we are exposed to foreign currency exchange rate, interest rate and equity price risks that could impact our results of operations. Our foreign currency exchange rate risk is minimized by maintaining minimal net assets and liabilities in currencies other than our functional currency.

## **Interest Rate Risk**

We are exposed to interest rate risk related to our debt and investment portfolio. Our debt primarily consists of the mortgage related to our corporate headquarters, which has an annual interest rate of 7.6%.

Our investment portfolio currently consists primarily of fixed-income mutual funds and municipal bonds, with a strong emphasis placed on preservation of capital. In an effort to minimize our exposure to interest rate risk, our investment portfolio's dollar weighted duration is less than one year.

#### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

Under the direction of our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, as co-principal executive officers, and our Chief Financial Officer, we evaluated our disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting and concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of July 28, 2006. No change in internal control over financial reporting occurred during the quarter ended July 28, 2006, that materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, such internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

#### **Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

See Note 9 to Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, which is incorporated herein by reference.

## Item 6. Exhibits

(a.) Exhibits

- 31.1 Certification by Vincent K. McMahon pursuant to Section 302 of Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith).
- 31.2 Certification by Linda E. McMahon pursuant to Section 302 of Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith).
- 31.3 Certification by Michael Sileck pursuant to Section 302 of Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith).
- 31.4 Certification by Frank G. Serpe pursuant to Section 302 of Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith).

32.1 Certification by Vincent K. McMahon, Linda E. McMahon, Michael Sileck and Frank G. Serpe pursuant to Section 906 of Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith).

## 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, thereto duly authorized.

Dated: August 31, 2006

World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. (Registrant)

By: /s/ Michael Sileck

Michael Sileck Chief Financial Officer

I, Vincent K. McMahon, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:

a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):

a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls over financial reporting.

Dated: August 31, 2006

By: /s/ Vincent K. McMahon

Vincent K. McMahon Chairman of the Board

(co-principal executive officer)

I, Linda E. McMahon, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:

a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):

a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls over financial reporting.

Dated: August 31, 2006

By: /s/ Linda E. McMahon

Linda E. McMahon *Chief Executive Officer* 

(co-principal executive officer)

I, Michael Sileck, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:

a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):

a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls over financial reporting.

Dated: August 31, 2006

By: /s/ Michael Sileck

Michael Sileck Chief Financial Officer

I, Frank G. Serpe, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:

a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):

a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls over financial reporting.

Dated: August 31, 2006

By: /s/ Frank G. Serpe

Frank G. Serpe Senior Vice President, Finance / Chief Accounting Officer

## Certification of Chairman, CEO and CFO Pursuant to

18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

In connection with the quarterly report on Form 10-Q of World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. (the "Company") for the quarter ended July 28, 2006 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), Vincent K. McMahon as Chairman of the Board and co-principal executive officer of the Company, Linda E. McMahon as Chief Executive Officer and co-principal executive officer of the Company, Michael Sileck as Chief Financial Officer, and Frank G. Serpe as Senior Vice President, Finance / Chief Accounting Officer of the Company, each hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to the best of his or her knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as amended; and
- (2) The information contained in the report fairly presents, in all material aspects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

By: /s/ Vincent K. McMahon

Vincent K. McMahon *Chairman of the Board* (co-principal executive officer)

## August 31, 2006

By: /s/ Linda E. McMahon

Linda E. McMahon *Chief Executive Officer* (co-principal executive officer)

## August 31, 2006

By: /s/ Michael Sileck

Michael Sileck Chief Financial Officer

## August 31, 2006

By: /s/ Frank G. Serpe

Frank G. Serpe Senior Vice President, Finance / Chief Accounting Officer

August 31, 2006