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The High
Yield Income
Fund, Inc.

Semi-Annual Report
February 28, 1995

Letter to Shareholders

April 26, 1995

Dear Shareholder:

As bond yields have fallen in recent months, prices have risen, reversing 1994's decline in asset values. Over the past six months, total returns for high yield bonds are not only in positive territory, but lead all other sectors of the bond market (including U.S. governments, corporates, mortgages and municipals) as measured by Lehman Brothers. For this period, The High Yield Income Fund, Inc. underperformed the Lipper Closed-End High Yield Fund Average.

STOCK SYMBOL

The High Yield Income Fund, Inc. is a closed-end fund traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol ``HYI'' and is frequently listed as ``HighYldFd'' or ``HiYld'' in the financial sections of newspapers. Also, it is listed weekly in Barron's and in a special table every Monday in The Wall Street Journal.

FUNDS PERFORMANCE As of February 28, 1995

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	<C> Total Return 6 Months	<C> NAV 2/28/95	<C> Market Price 2/28/95
High Yield Income Fund1	1.5%	\$6.91	\$7.63
Lipper Closed-End High Yield Avg.2	3.3%	N/A	N/A

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1. Source: Prudential Mutual Fund Management, Inc. Total return of the Fund represents the change in net asset value from the beginning of the period (8/31/94) through the end of the period (2/28/95) and assumes the reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Shares of the Fund are traded on the NYSE. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

2. Source: Lipper Analytical Services, Inc. These are the average returns of 25 funds in the closed-end high current yield category for six months.

Fund Overview

The High Yield Income Fund seeks high current income and capital appreciation from a portfolio of high-yielding, non-investment grade bonds, commonly known as junk bonds. The Fund generally strives to invest in bonds rated B or BB. During the past six months, the Fund paid monthly dividends totalling \$0.44 per share.

Due to the lack of available obligations in the market with maturities between 10 and 20 years, the Board of Directors recently approved a change in the Fund's investment policy to eliminate the requirement that the Fund maintain an average maturity between 10 and 20 years. It is anticipated that, under current market conditions, the Fund will maintain an average portfolio

of less than 10 years. As of February 28, 1995, the average weighted maturity of the portfolio was 9.3 years.

Prepared For Slower Growth

Since we believe the Federal Reserve will be successful in cooling economic growth, we prepared the portfolio for a slowdown by closely monitoring credit quality. Of course, we always attempt to concentrate our purchases among B-rated companies with the potential for possible credit rating upgrades, while still paying a high enough coupon to support our dividend. As the economy has decelerated with rising interest rates, we analyzed every issue we purchased for management depth and financial strength to withstand a slowdown.

We also tried to capitalize on rising interest rates last fall by putting money to work in the new issue market. As prices of high yield bonds fell in 1994, demand for these securities softened. This created a buyer's market for new securities, where high yield issuers had to offer higher coupons in order to attract new buyers. At the peak of the market, we could obtain about one percentage point higher yield from new bonds compared with those available in the secondary market. For example, we purchased Tenet Healthcare and Rogers Cablesystems. Early in 1995, the situation somewhat reversed itself, because supply generally contracts in January and February. (During the entire first quarter, new issuance was down 75% from last year, as measured by CS First Boston.) This shortage of bonds has helped to lift prices.

Grand Union Surprise Restructuring

The high yield bond market did have one disappointment over the period. In November, Grand Union announced that it would reorganize, unnerving the market. Your Fund owned less than 0.5% of net assets in subordinated Grand Union debt, and has since sold the entire position.

Looking Ahead

We expect continued moderate economic growth through the year, with Gross Domestic Product averaging between 2.5% and 3.0%. Inflation still appears poised to rise a bit later this year, but we do not expect it to top 3.5%. At this writing, the biggest risk to our outlook is the weakening U.S. dollar. If the Federal Reserve moves aggressively to increase rates in an attempt to prop up the currency, this period of economic growth might come swiftly to an end.

Bond investors should be able to sit back and at least collect coupon income through the rest of the year and maybe benefit from some further price appreciation.

Once again, we appreciate having you as a shareholder of The High Yield Income Fund and remain committed to managing it for your benefit.

Sincerely,

Lawrence C. McQuade
President

Lars M. Berkman
Co-Manager

Michael A. Snyder
Co-Manager

New Fund Co-Managers.

On January 1, 1995, Lars Berkman, Managing Director, and Mike Snyder, Vice President, Prudential Investment Advisors, formally took over managing The High Yield Income Fund. Lars is the portfolio manager of the \$3.5 billion open-end Prudential High Yield Fund. Mike has been on our high yield team for two and a half years and he is also co-manager of the Prudential Series Fund: High Yield Portfolio.

THE HIGH YIELD INCOME FUND, INC.
Portfolio of Investments
February 28, 1995

(Unaudited)

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Moody's Rating	Principal Amount (000)	Description (a)	Value (Note 1)
<C>	<C>	<S>	<C>
		LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS--121.5%	
		BONDS--119.2%	
		Aerospace--3.8%	
		Fairchild Industries, Inc., Sr. Sec. Notes, B2 \$ 1,185## 12.25%, 2/1/99.....	\$ 1,161,300
		K & F Industries, Inc., Sr. Sec. Notes, B1 750# 11.875%, 12/1/03.....	753,750
		Rohr, Inc., Sr. Notes, Ba3 500# 11.625%, 5/15/03.....	505,000
		Talley Manufacturing & Technolgy, Inc., Sr. Notes, B2 500# 10.75%, 10/15/03.....	452,500
			----- 2,872,550 -----
		Airlines--1.8%	
		Northwest Airlines, Inc., Sr. Notes, NR 480 12.092%, 12/31/00.....	472,577
		US Air, Inc., Ba2 500# 10.375%, 3/1/13.....	430,000
		Sr. Deb., B3 250# 12.875%, 4/1/00.....	247,812
		Sr. Notes, B3 250# 10.00%, 7/1/03.....	182,500
			----- 1,332,889 -----
		Automotive Parts--7.0%	
		Doehler Jarvis, Inc., Sr. Notes, B3 1,000# 11.875%, 6/1/02.....	1,025,000
		Foamex/JPS Automotive L.P., Sr. Notes, B2 500 11.125%, 6/15/01.....	493,750
		Sr. Sec. Disc. Deb. Ser. B, B,	

			Zero Coupon (until 7/1/99),	
Caa	1,000DD	14.00%, 7/1/04.....		535,000
B3	\$ 500#	Sr. Sub. Deb., 11.875%, 10/1/04.....		\$ 481,250
		Harvard Industries, Inc., Sr. Notes,		
B2	1,250#	12.00%, 7/15/04.....		1,284,375
		Motor Wheel Corp., Sr. Notes,		
B2	500#	11.50%, 3/1/00.....		447,500
		SPX Corp., Sr. Sub. Notes,		
B3	1,000#	11.75%, 6/1/02.....		1,032,500

				5,299,375

			Beverages-Bottlers--1.2%	
			Heileman Acquisition Corp., Sr. Sub. Notes,	
B3	111#	9.625%, 1/31/04.....		76,590
		Seven-Up/RC Bottling Co., Sr. Sec. Notes,		
Caa	1,000	11.50%, 8/1/99.....		820,000

				896,590

			Building & Related Industries--4.4%	
			Building Material Corp. of America, Sr. Notes, Ser. B, Zero Coupon, 7/1/04...	
NR	1,250			675,000
			Miles Homes, Inc., Sr. Notes,	
B2	500#DD	12.00%, 4/1/01.....		335,000
		Overhead Door Corp., Sr. Notes,		
B1	750#	12.25%, 2/1/00.....		765,000
		Southdown, Inc., Sr. Sub. Notes,		
NR	500	14.00%, 10/15/01.....		545,000
		Wickes Lumber Co., Sr. Sub. Notes,		
B3	1,000#	11.625%, 12/15/03.....		970,000

				3,290,000

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		Cable & Pay Television Systems--6.5%	
		Adelphia Communications Corp., Sr. Notes, 12.50%, 5/15/02.....	\$ 482,500
B3	\$ 500#	PIK Note Ser. B, 9.50%, 2/15/04.....	379,215
NR	523	Chancellor Broadcasting Co., Sr. Sub. Notes, 12.50%, 10/1/04.....	1,000,000
B3	1,000#	Diamond Cable Co., Sr. Notes, Zero Coupon (until 9/30/99), 13.25%, 9/30/04.....	290,000
B3	500	Falcon Holdings Inc., Sr. Sub. PIK Notes, 11.00%, 9/15/03.....	921,300
NR	1,000	NWCG Holdings Corp., Sr. Sec'd. Disc. Note Ser. B, Zero Coupon, 6/15/99....	291,250
Caa	500	Scott Cable Communications, Inc., Sub. Deb., 12.25%, 4/15/01.....	200,000
NR	250	United Artists, Inc., Sr. Sec. Notes, 11.50%, 5/1/02.....	1,067,500
Ba3	1,000#	United Int'l Holdings, Inc., Sr. Disc. Notes, 14.00%, 11/15/99.....	280,000
B3	500DD		----- 4,911,765 -----
		Chemicals & Plastics--5.0%	
		Applied Extrusion Technology, Inc., Sr. Notes, Ser. B, 11.50%, 4/1/02.....	1,017,500
B3	1,000##	G-I Holdings, Inc., Sr. Def'd. Cpn. Notes,	

Ba3		500#	Zero Coupon, 10/1/98.... LaRoche Industries, Inc., Sr. Sub. Notes,	320,000
B3		500#	13.00%, 8/15/04..... NL Industries, Inc., Sr. Sec. Notes,	485,000
B1		500	11.75%, 10/15/03..... Polymer Group, Inc., Sr. Notes,	521,250
Caa		500	12.75%, 7/15/02..... Rexene Corp., Sr. Notes,	482,500
B1	\$	500#	11.75%, 12/1/04..... Uniroyal Technology Corp., Notes,	\$ 522,500
B2		500DD	11.75%, 6/1/03.....	407,500
				----- 3,756,250 -----
			Conglomerate--6.7%	
			Great Dane Holdings, Inc., Sr. Sub. Notes.,	
Caa		500	12.75%, 8/1/01..... IMO Industries, Inc., Sr. Sub. Deb.,	495,000
B3		500#	12.00%, 11/1/01..... Interlake Corp., Sr. Sub. Deb.,	510,000
B3		500#	12.125%, 3/1/02..... JB Poindexter, Inc., Sr. Notes,	490,000
B2		1,000##	12.50%, 5/15/04..... MAXXAM Group, Inc., Sr. Sec. Disc. Notes, Zero Coupon, (until 8/1/98),	957,500
B3		1,000	12.25%, 8/1/03..... Sr. Sec. Notes,	570,000
B3		1,000#	11.25%, 8/1/03..... Newflo Corp., Sub. Notes,	930,000
B3		1,150	13.25%, 11/15/02.....	1,115,500
				----- 5,068,000 -----
			Consumer Products--4.6%	
			Acme Boot Co., Sr. Notes,	
B2		250#DD	11.50%, 12/15/00.....	102,500

		Astrum International Corp., Notes,	
B3	500#	11.50%, 6/8/03.....	508,750
		Health O Meter, Inc., Sr. Sub. Notes,	
B3	500DD	13.00%, 8/15/02.....	445,000
		JB Williams Holdings, Inc., Sr. Notes,	
B3	500#	12.00%, 3/1/04.....	470,000

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		Consumer Products (cont'd) MacAndrews & Forbes Group, Inc., Sub. Deb.,	
NR	\$ 500	13.00%, 3/1/99.....	\$ 500,000
		Sub. Notes,	
NR	500	12.25%, 7/1/96.....	495,000
		Revlon Consumer Products Corp., Deb.,	
NR	1,000	9.375%, 4/1/01.....	935,000

			3,456,250

		Energy--3.1% Clark R&M Holdings, Inc., Sr. Sec. Notes, Ser. A,	
B1	500	Zero Coupon, 2/15/00....	282,500
		Empire Gas Corp., Sr. Sec. PIK Notes,	
Caa	500DD	7.00%, 7/15/04.....	350,000
		Mesa Capital Corp., Sec. Disc. Notes, Zero Coupon (until 6/30/95),	
B3	1,000	12.75%, 6/30/98.....	935,000
		Presidio Oil Co.,	

		Sr. Sec. Notes, Ser. B,	
Caa	750	11.50%, 9/15/00.....	622,500
Ca	400	Sr. Sub. Notes, Ser. B, 13.30%, 7/15/02.....	216,000

			2,406,000

		Financial Services--1.8%	
		Acme Holdings, Inc., Sr. Notes,	
Ca	500	11.75%, 6/1/00.....	160,000
		American Financial Corp., Sub. Deb., Ser. B,	
NR	815	12.00%, 9/3/99.....	815,000
		Lomas Mortgage USA, Inc., Sr. Notes,	
B1	500	10.25%, 10/1/02.....	420,000

			1,395,000

		Food & Beverage--8.4%	
		Curtice Burns Foods, Inc., Sr. Sub. Notes,	
B3	\$ 500#	12.25%, 2/1/05.....	\$ 520,000
		Del Monte Corp., Sub. PIK Notes,	
NR	1,193	12.25%, 9/1/02.....	1,088,760
		Di Giorgio Corp., Sr. Notes,	
B2	375#	12.00%, 2/15/03.....	330,000
		Fresh Del Monte Produce, N.V., Sr. Notes,	
B1	1,000#	10.00%, 5/1/03.....	700,000
		Pilgrim's Pride Corp., Sr. Sub. Notes,	
B3	1,000#	10.875%, 8/1/03.....	930,000
		Premium Standard Farm Finance L.P., Sr. Sec. Disc. Notes, Zero Coupon (until 9/15/96)	
NR	1,385	12.00%, 9/15/03.....	1,108,000
		Specialty Foods Acquisition Corp., Sr. Sec. Disc. Notes, Zero Coupon (until 8/15/99),	
Caa	500	13.00%, 8/15/05.....	237,500
		Sr. Sub. Notes,	

B3	500	11.25%, 8/15/03.....	477,500
		Sr. Unsec. Notes,	
B2	1,000#	10.25%, 8/15/01.....	960,000

			6,351,760

		Gaming--6.8%	
		Casino America, Inc.,	
		First Mtge. Bonds,	
B1	1,000DD	11.50%, 11/15/01.....	960,000
		Casino Magic Finance	
		Corp.,	
		First Mtge. Bonds,	
B1	750DD	11.50%, 10/15/01.....	570,000
		Fitzgerald Gaming Corp.,	
		Sr. Sec. Notes,	
NR	250DD	13.50%, 3/15/96.....	135,000
		GB Property Funding	
		Corp.,	
		First Mtge. Notes,	
B2	500#	10.875%, 1/15/04.....	430,000

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		Gaming (cont`d)	
		Grand Casino Resorts,	
		Inc.,*	
		First Mtg. Notes, Ser	
		B,	
NR	\$ 500	12.50%, 2/1/00, Ser.	\$ 500,000
		B.....	
		Hollywood Casino Corp.,	
		Sr. Sec. Notes,	
NR	1,275	14.00%, 4/1/98.....	1,351,500
		Sam Houston Race Park,	
		Ltd.,	
		Sr. Sec. Notes,	
NR	500DD	11.75%, 7/15/99.....	75,000
		Showboat, Inc.,	
		Sr. Sub. Notes,	
B2	500#	13.00%, 8/1/09.....	515,000
		Trump Plaza Funding,	

		Inc.,	
		First Mtge. Notes,	
B3	500#	10.875%, 6/15/01.....	400,000
		Trump Taj Mahal Funding,	
		Inc.,	
		First Mtg. PIK Bonds,	
		Class B,	
Caa	250	11.35%, 11/15/99.....	177,500

			5,114,000

		Healthcare--3.2%	
		Continental Medical	
		System, Inc.,	
		Sr. Sub. Notes,	
B2	1,000	10.875%, 8/15/02.....	885,000
		National Medical	
		Enterprises Inc.,	
		Sr. Sub. Notes,	
Ba3	1,000	10.125%, 3/1/05.....	1,021,250
		Ornda HealthCorp, Inc.,	
		Sr. Sub. Notes,	
B2	500#	12.25%, 5/15/02.....	541,250

			2,447,500

		Home Builders & Real Estate--4.3%	
		Baldwin Co.,	
		Sr. Notes,	
B2	750#	10.375%, 8/1/03.....	465,000
		Continental Homes	
		Holdings,	
		Sr. Notes,	
B1	500#	12.00%, 8/1/99.....	475,000
		Engle Homes, Inc.,	
		Sr. Notes,	
B2	500#	11.75%, 12/15/00.....	456,000
		Forecast Group, L.P.,	
		Sr. Notes,	
B3	500#	11.375%, 12/15/00.....	310,000
		JM Peters Co. Inc.,	
		Sr. Note	
B3	\$ 500#DD	12.75%, 5/1/02.....	\$ 405,000
		NVR, Inc.,	
		Sr. Notes,	
B2	1,000#	11.00%, 4/15/03.....	895,000
		The Presley Companies,	
		Sr. Notes,	
B2	250#	12.50%, 7/1/01.....	215,000

			3,221,000

		Leisure & Tourism--0.9%	
		Host Marriott Hospitality, Inc., Sr. Notes,	
B1	300	10.625%, 2/1/00.....	300,000
		Kloster Cruise Ltd., Sr. Sec. Notes,	
B2	500##	13.00%, 5/1/03.....	387,500

			687,500

		Paper & Packaging--11.6%	
		Domtar, Inc., Notes,	
Ba1	750#	12.00%, 4/15/01.....	813,750
		Sr. Notes,	
Ba1	250#	11.75%, 3/15/99.....	266,250
		Fort Howard Corp., Jr. Sub. Deb., Zero Coupon (until 11/1/94),	
B3	750#	14.125%, 11/1/04.....	755,625
		Gaylord Container Corp., Sr. Sub. Disc. Notes, Zero Coupon (until 5/15/96),	
Caa	1,000	12.75%, 5/15/05.....	925,000
		Indah Kiat International Finance Co., Sr. Sec. Notes, Ser. C,	
Ba3	1,000	12.50%, 6/15/06.....	980,000
		Ivex Packaging Corp., Sr. Disc. Deb., Ser. B, Zero Coupon (until 3/15/00),	
Caa	1,250	13.25%, 3/15/05.....	553,125
		Sr. Sub. Notes,	
B3	500#	12.50%, 12/15/02.....	522,500

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		Paper & Packaging (cont'd)	
		Mail Well Envelope	
		Corp.,	
		Sr. Sub. Notes,	
B3	\$ 250#	10.50%, 2/15/04.....	\$ 223,750
		Mail Well Holding, Inc.,	
		Sr. Notes,	
		Zero Coupon (until	
		12/15/00),	
Caa	900DD	11.75%, 2/15/06.....	360,000
		Malette, Inc.,	
		Sr. Sec'd. Notes,	
Ba3	500	12.25%, 7/15/04.....	510,000
		Neodata Services, Inc.,	
		Sr. Def'd. Cpn. Notes,	
		Ser. B,	
		Zero Coupon (until	
		5/1/96),	
B3	750	12.00%, 5/1/03.....	585,000
		SD Warren Corp.,	
		Sr. Sub. Notes,	
B1	500#	12.00%, 12/15/04.....	530,000
		Seminole Kraft Corp.,	
		Sub. Notes,	
NR	500	13.50%, 10/15/96.....	500,000
		Stone Container Corp.,	
		Sr. Notes,	
B1	750#	12.625%, 7/15/98.....	806,250
		Williamhouse Regency	
		Delaware, Inc.,	
		Sr. Sub. Deb.,	
B2	500#	11.50%, 6/15/05.....	482,500

			8,813,750

		Publishing--6.1%	
		Affiliated Newspapers	
		Investments, Inc.,	
		Sr. Disc. Notes,	
		Zero Coupon (until	
		7/1/99),	
B3	500DD	13.25%, 7/1/06.....	245,000
		Affinity Group, Inc.,	
		Sr. Sub. Notes,	
B2	500#	11.50%, 10/15/03.....	490,000
		Big Flower Press, Inc.,	
		Sr. Sub. Notes,	
B3	1,000#	10.75%, 8/1/03.....	940,000
		Garden State Newspapers,	
		Sr. Sub. Notes,	

B2		500#	12.00%, 7/1/04.....	500,000
			Imax Corp.,	
			Sr. Notes,	
NR	\$	500	7.00%, 3/1/01.....	\$ 415,000
			Newcity Communications,	
			Inc.,	
			Sr. Sub. Notes,	
B3		1,000#	11.375%, 11/1/03.....	930,000
			Sullivan Graphics, Inc.,	
			Sr. Sub. Notes,	
Ca		1,000	15.00%, 2/1/00.....	1,058,750

				4,578,750

			Restaurants--2.8%	
			Carrols Corp.,	
			Sr. Notes,	
B3		250#	11.50%, 8/15/03.....	231,250
			Family Restaurants,	
			Inc.,	
			Sr. Notes,	
B1		1,000##	9.75%, 2/1/02.....	755,000
			Flagstar Corp.,	
			Sr. Notes,	
B2		675	10.75%, 9/15/01.....	658,125
B2		500	10.875%, 12/1/02.....	487,500

				2,131,875

			Retail--5.7%	
			Apparel Retailers, Inc.	
			Sr. Disc. Deb.,	
			Zero Coupon (until	
			8/15/98),	
Caa		1,000	12.75%, 8/15/05.....	560,000
			Cole National Corp.,	
			Sr. Notes,	
B1		625#	11.25%, 10/1/01.....	603,125
			Eye Care Centers	
			America, Inc.,	
			Sr. Notes,	
NR		500DD	12.00%, 10/1/03.....	390,000
			Hills Stores Co.,	
			Sr. Notes,	
NR		1,000	10.25%, 9/30/03.....	940,000
			Pier 1 Imports, Inc.,	
			Sub. Deb.,	
B1		339#	11.50%, 7/15/03.....	349,170
			Specialty Retailers,	
			Inc.,	
			Sr. Sub. Notes,	
B3		500	11.00%, 8/15/03.....	461,250

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		Retail (cont'd)	
		Thrifty Payless, Inc.,	
		Sr. Notes,	
B2	\$ 500	11.75%, 4/15/03.....	\$ 520,000
		Sr. Sub. Notes,	
B3	500DD	12.25%, 4/15/04.....	500,000

			4,323,545

		Services--0.6%	
		ICF International, Inc.,	
		Sr. Sub. Notes,	
B3	500DD	12.00%, 12/31/03.....	450,000

		Steel & Metals--5.2%	
		Geneva Steel Co., Sr.,	
		Notes,	
B1	500#	11.125%, 3/15/01.....	472,500
		GS Technologies Operating, Inc.,	
		Sr. Notes,	
B2	500#	12.00%, 9/1/04.....	513,750
		Horsehead Industries,	
		Inc.,	
		Sr. Sub. Ext. Reset	
		Notes,	
B1	500	15.75%, 6/1/97.....	515,000
		Sub. Notes,	
B2	500	14.00%, 6/1/99.....	511,250
		Kaiser Aluminum &	
		Chemical Corp.,	
		Sr. Sub. Notes,	
B2	250#	12.75%, 2/1/03.....	260,000
		Tubos De Aceros De	
		Mexico SA,	
NR	500	13.75%, 12/8/99.....	400,000
		Ucar Global Enterprises	
		Inc.,	
		Sr. Sub. Notes,	
B2	750#	12.00%, 1/15/05.....	787,500

		W C I Steel, Inc.,	
		Sr. Notes,	
B1	500#	10.50%, 3/1/02.....	485,000

			3,945,000

		Supermarkets--8.8%	
		Farm Fresh, Inc.,	
		Sr. Notes,	
B2	500#	12.25%, 10/1/00.....	462,500

		Food 4 Less	
		Supermarkets, Inc.,	
		Sr. Disc. Notes, Ser.	
		B,	
		Zero Coupon (until	
		12/15/97),	
Caa	\$ 500	15.25%, 12/15/04.....	\$ 392,500

B3	500	13.75%, 6/15/01.....	532,500
		(cost \$530,625; purchase	
		date--3/22/94),	

B3	500	Sr. Sub. Notes,	
		13.75%, 6/15/01**.....	532,500
		Pathmark Stores, Inc.	

B2	750	Sr. Sub. Notes,	
		9.625%, 5/1/03.....	699,375
		Jr. Sub. Notes,	

B3	500#	Zero Coupon, 11/1/03....	270,000
		Sub. Notes,	

B3	500#	12.625%, 6/15/02.....	527,500
		Penn Traffic Co.,	
		Sr. Sub. Notes,	

B2	1,500##	9.625%, 4/15/05.....	1,406,250
		Pueblo Xtra	
		International, Inc.,	
		Sr. Notes,	

B2	1,000	9.50%, 8/1/03.....	845,000
		Ralphs Grocery Co.,	
		Sr. Sub. Notes,	

B2	500##	9.00%, 4/1/03.....	485,000
		White Rose Foods, Inc.,	
		Sr. Notes,	

NR	1,000	Zero Coupon, 11/1/98....	530,000

			6,683,125

		Technology--1.3%	
		Bell & Howell Holding	
		Co.,	
		Deb., Ser. B,**	
		(cost \$572,075;	
		purchase	
		date--3/31/94),	

		Zero Coupon (until 3/1/00),	
B3	1,000	11.25%, 3/1/05.....	512,500
		Waters Corp.,	
		Sr. Sub. Notes,	
NR	500	12.75%, 9/30/04.....	507,500

			1,020,000

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Moody's Rating	Principal Amount (000)	Description (a)	Value (Note 1)
<C>	<C>	<S>	<C>
		Telecommunications--2.4% Dial Call Communications, Inc., Sr. Disc. Notes,	
Caa	\$ 1,000DD	Zero Coupon, 4/15/04....	\$ 280,000
		Page Mart, Inc., Sr. Disc. Exchg. Notes, Zero Coupon (until 11/1/98),	
NR	1,000DD	12.25%, 11/1/03.....	610,000
		Sr. Disc. Note, Zero Coupon (until 2/1/00),	
NR	1,000DD	15.05%, 2/1/05.....	542,500
		Pricellular Wireless Corp., Sr. Sub. Disc. Notes, Zero Coupon (until 11/15/97),	
Caa	500	14.00%, 11/15/01.....	367,500

			1,800,000

		Textiles--3.9% CMI Industries, Inc., Sr. Sub. Notes,	
B1	1,000##	9.50%, 10/1/03.....	860,000
		Forstmann Textiles, Inc.,	

B3	755#	Sr. Sub. Notes, 14.75%, 4/15/99..... (cost \$445,814; purchase date--7/23/92),	785,200
B3	380	14.75%, 4/15/99**..... Westpoint Stevens, Inc., Sr. Sub. Deb.,	395,200
B3	1,000#	9.375%, 12/15/05.....	930,000

			2,970,400

		Transportation--0.7% Transtar Holdings L.P., Sr. Disc. Notes, Zero Coupon (until 12/15/99),	
B-*	1,000	13.375%, 12/15/03.....	550,000

		Waste Management--0.6% Clean Harbors, Inc., Sr. Notes,	
B2	500	12.50%, 5/15/01.....	450,000

		Total bonds (cost \$95,227,795)....	90,222,874

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			Value
			(Note 1)
Shares	Description (a)		
<C>	<C>	<S>	<C>
	COMMON STOCKS--0.9%		
	Conglomerate--0.3%		
3,770	PG Partners I L.P.,.....	\$	169,672
2,660	Thermadyne Industries, Inc.,D.....		38,570

			208,242

	Energy--0.1%		
	Petrolane, Inc.,D		
4,900	Class B.....		66,150

	Food & Beverage--0.5%		
68,040	RJR Nabisco, Inc.,.....		382,725
7,500	Specialty Foods Acquisition Corp.,D...		15,000

			397,725

	Retail		
	Thrifty Payless, Inc.,D		

9,500	Class C.....	35,625

	Total common stocks (cost \$1,230,994).....	707,742

	PREFERRED STOCKS--1.3%	
	Healthcare--0.2%	
	FoxMeyer Corp. Ser. A Exchangeable	
4,550	4.20.....	159,913

	Steel--0.6%	
	Republic Engineered Steel, Inc.....	461,399
41,012		

	Supermarkets--0.5%	
	Pantry Pride, Inc.D 14.875%, Exchangeable, Ser. B.....	242,500
2,500		
	Supermarkets General Holdings Corp., 14.08%.....	110,000
5,000		

		352,500

	Total preferred stocks (cost \$986,299).....	973,812

	WARRANTSD--0.1%	
	Building & Related Industries Miles Homes, Inc., expiring 4/1/97.....	3,000
6,000		
	Southdown, Inc., expiring 10/15/96.....	20,000
5,000		

		23,000

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Shares	Description (a)	Value (Note 1)	

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	Chemicals & Plastic Uniroyal Technology		

5,000	Corp., expiring 6/1/03.....	\$ 5,000

	Energy	
690	Empire Gas Corp., expiring 7/15/04.....	690
833	Ugi Corp. expiring 3/31/98.....	125

		815

	Gaming	
3,263	Casino America, Inc., expiring 11/15/96.....	1,631
	Casino Magic Finance Corp.,	
4,500	expiring 10/14/96.....	225
250	Fitzgerald Gaming Corp., expiring 3/15/96.....	11,250
	Sam Houston Race Park, Ltd.	
2,000	expiring 7/15/99.....	200

		13,306

	Retail	
	Eye Care Centers America, Inc.,	
500	expiring 10/1/03.....	2,500

	Services	
2,400	ICF International, Inc., expiring 12/31/98.....	1,800

	Supermarkets	
1,733	Purity Supreme, Inc.,** expiring 8/6/97.....	35

	Telecommunications	
1,000	Dial Page, Inc. expiring 4/25/99.....	\$ 750
	Pagemart Nationwide, Inc.,	
4,600	expiring 11/1/03.....	14,950

		15,700

	Total warrants (cost \$47,465).....	62,156

	RIGHTSD	
	Automotive Parts	
	Foamex/JPS Automotive	

	L.P., expiring July '99	
1,000	(cost \$0).....	15,000

	Total long-term investments	
	(cost \$97,492,553)....	91,981,584

	Total Investments--121.5%	
	(cost \$97,492,553).....	91,981,584
	Liabilities in excess of other	
	assets--(21.5%).....	(16,269,632)

	Net Assets--100%.....	\$75,711,952

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(a) The following abbreviations are used in portfolio descriptions:
PIK--Payment in kind securities.

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Total security segregated as collateral for line of credit. Aggregate value of segregated securities--\$34,563,522; (Note 4).

Portion of security segregated as collateral for line of credit. Aggregate value of segregated securities--\$6,495,676; (Note 4).

* Standard & Poor's Rating.

** Indicates a restricted security; the aggregate cost of such securities is \$1,548,514. The aggregate value (\$1,440,200) is approximately 1.9% of net assets.

D Non-income producing securities.

DD Consists of more than one class of securities traded together as a unit; generally bonds with attached stock or warrants.

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NR--Not rated by Moody's or Standard & Poor's.

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THE HIGH YIELD INCOME FUND, INC.
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
February 28, 1995
(Unaudited)

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Assets

Investments, at value (cost \$97,492,553).....	\$91,981,584
Receivable for investments sold.....	5,467,655
Interest receivable.....	2,405,029
Prepaid expenses and other assets.....	7,959

Total assets.....	99,862,227

Liabilities

Bank overdraft.....	555,221
Loan payable (Note 4).....	20,000,000
Payable for investments purchased.....	3,328,382
Loan interest payable.....	111,407
Accrued expenses.....	81,760
Due to Manager.....	42,686
Deferred trustees' fees.....	30,819

Total liabilities.....	24,150,275

Net Assets.....\$75,711,952

Net assets were comprised of:

Common stock, at par.....	\$ 109,516
Paid-in capital in excess of par.....	99,421,289

	99,530,805
Accumulated distributions in excess of net investment income.....	(15,388)
Accumulated net realized loss on investments.....	(18,292,496)
Net unrealized depreciation on investments.....	(5,510,969)

Net assets, February 28, 1995.....	\$75,711,952

Net asset value and redemption price per
share (\$75,711,952 / 10,951,633 shares
of common stock issued and
outstanding).....\$6.91

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THE HIGH YIELD INCOME FUND, INC.
Statement of Operations
Six Months Ended February 28, 1995
(Unaudited)

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Net Investment Income	
Income	
Interest.....	\$ 5,729,783
Dividends.....	145,270

	5,875,053

Expenses	
Management fee.....	262,306
Custodian's fees and expenses.....	60,000
Audit fee.....	27,000
Transfer agent's fees and expenses.....	27,000
Reports to shareholders.....	25,000
Trustees' fees.....	20,000
Registration fees.....	13,000
Insurance.....	9,000
Legal fees.....	7,000
Miscellaneous.....	1,031

Total operating expenses.....	451,337
Loan interest expense (Note 4).....	635,312

Total expenses.....	1,086,649

Net investment income.....	4,788,404

Realized and Unrealized	
Loss on Investments	
Net realized loss on investment	
transactions.....	(2,385,838)
Net change in unrealized	
appreciation/depreciation on	
investments.....	(846,437)

Net loss on investments.....	(3,232,275)

Net Increase in Net Assets	
Resulting from Operations.....	\$ 1,556,129

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Increase (Decrease) in Cash	
Cash flows provided from operating activities:	
Interest and dividends received (excluding discount amortization of \$907,210).....	\$ 4,915,335
Operating expenses paid.....	(483,651)
Loan interest paid.....	(619,113)
Maturities of short-term portfolio investments, net.....	643,000
Purchases of long-term portfolio investments.....	(34,491,255)
Proceeds from disposition of long-term portfolio investments.....	33,893,240
Deferred expenses.....	8,149

Net cash provided from operating activities.....	3,865,705

Cash flows used for financing activities:	
Cash dividends paid (excluding reinvestment of dividends of \$381,149).....	(4,422,643)

Net decrease in cash.....	(556,938)
Cash at beginning of period.....	1,717

Cash at end of period.....	\$ (555,221)

Reconciliation of Net Increase in Net Assets to Net Cash Provided from Operating Activities	
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations.....	\$ 1,556,129

Decrease in investments.....	1,015,460
Net realized loss on investment transactions.....	2,385,838
Net change in net unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments.....	846,437
Increase in receivable for investments sold.....	(5,053,280)
Increase in interest receivable.....	(52,507)
Decrease in deferred expenses and other assets.....	8,149

Increase in payable for investments purchased.....	3,175,594
Decrease in accrued expenses and other liabilities.....	(16,115)
Total adjustments.....	2,309,576
Net cash provided from operating activities.....	\$ 3,865,705

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THE HIGH YIELD INCOME FUND, INC.
Statement of Changes
in Net Assets
(Unaudited)

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Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets

	Six Months Ended February 28, 1995	Year Ended August 31, 1994
Operations		
Net investment income.....	\$ 4,788,404	\$ 9,564,848
<S> Net realized gain (loss) on investment transactions.....	(2,385,838)	1,939,634
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation of investments.....	(846,437)	(7,045,586)
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations.....	1,556,129	4,458,896
Dividends paid to shareholders from net investment income.....	(4,750,606)	(9,945,260)
Dividends paid to shareholders in excess of net investment income.....	--	(485,187)
Net asset value of shares issued to shareholders in reinvestment of dividends.....	381,149	708,165
Total decrease.....	(2,813,328)	(5,263,386)

Net Assets		
Beginning of period.....	78,525,280	83,788,666
	-----	-----
End of period.....	\$75,711,952	\$ 78,525,280
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THE HIGH YIELD INCOME FUND, INC.

Notes to Financial Statements

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The High Yield Income Fund, Inc. (the ``Fund'') was organized in Maryland on August 21, 1987 as a diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund's primary investment objective is to maximize current income to shareholders through investment in a diversified portfolio of high-yield, fixed-income securities rated in the medium to lower categories by recognized rating services or non-rated securities of comparable quality. As a secondary investment objective, the Fund will seek capital appreciation, but only when consistent with its primary objective. The ability of issuers of debt securities held by the Fund to meet their obligations may be affected by economic or political developments in a specific industry or region.

Note 1. Accounting
Policies

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund in the preparation of its

financial statements.

Security Valuation: Portfolio securities that are actively traded in the over-the-counter market, including listed securities for which the primary market is believed to be over-the-counter, are valued at the mean between the most recently quoted bid and asked prices provided by principal market makers. Any security for which the primary market is on an exchange is valued at the last sales price on such exchange on the day of valuation or, if there was no sale on such day, the last bid price quoted on such day. Securities issued in private placements are valued at the mean between the bid and asked prices provided by principal market makers. Any security for which a reliable market quotation is unavailable is valued at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of the Fund's Board of Directors.

Short-term securities which mature in more than 60 days are valued at current market quotations. Short-term securities which mature in 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost.

In connection with transactions in repurchase agreements with U.S. financial institutions, it is the Fund's policy that its custodian or designated subcustodians, as the case may be under triparty repurchase agreements, take possession of the underlying collateral securities, the value of which exceeds the principal amount of the repurchase transaction including accrued interest. If the seller defaults and the value of the collateral declines, or if

short-term investments, for the six months ended February 28, 1995 aggregated \$37,666,849 and \$38,946,519, respectively.

The cost basis of investments for federal income tax purposes at February 28, 1995 was \$97,617,629 and, accordingly, net unrealized depreciation including short-term investments, for federal income tax purposes was \$5,636,045 (gross unrealized appreciation-\$1,729,166; gross unrealized depreciation-\$7,365,211).

The Fund had a capital loss carryforward as of August 31, 1994 of approximately \$15,825,300 of which \$514,200 expires in 1998, \$6,419,700 expires in 1999 and \$8,891,400 expires in 2000. During the fiscal year ended August 31, 1994 the Fund utilized approximately \$2,117,231 of its capital loss carryforward. Accordingly, no capital gains distribution is expected to be paid to shareholders until net realized gains have been realized in excess of such amounts.

Note 4. Borrowings The Fund approved a \$20,000,000 uncommitted line of credit with State Street Bank & Trust Co. Interest on any such borrowings outstanding fluctuates daily, at one percentage higher than the Federal Funds rate.

The average daily balance outstanding and the maximum face amount of borrowings outstanding at any month end for the six months ended February 28, 1995 was \$20,000,000 at a weighted average interest rate of 6.32%.

Note 5. Capital There are 200 million shares of \$.01 par value common stock authorized. Prudential owned 11,000 shares of common stock as of February 28, 1995.

During the six months ended February 28, 1995 and the fiscal year ended August 31, 1994 the Fund issued 54,307 and 89,141 shares, respectively, in connection with the reinvestment of dividends.

Note 6. Dividends and Distributions On March 1 and April 3 the Board of Directors of the Fund declared dividends of \$.0725 per share payable on March 31 and April 28, respectively, to shareholders of record on March 15 and April 13, respectively.

Note 7. Quarterly Data (Unaudited)

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realized and	Net increase	Net		
unrealized	in net assets	gains		
(losses) on	resulting from	Net Investment		
Quarterly	Total	income	Per share	Amount
investments	operations	Amount	Per share	Amount
period ended	income	Amount	Per share	Amount
Per share	Amount	Per share	Per share	Amount
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November 30, 1992	\$2,983,763	\$2,530,119	\$.23	\$ (1,883,941)
\$ (.18)	\$ 646,178	\$.06		
February 28, 1993	3,100,143	2,659,916	.25	1,747,668
.16	4,407,584	.40		
May 31, 1993	2,985,599	2,541,318	.24	1,893,736
.18	4,435,054	.41		
August 31, 1993	3,585,185	3,146,381	.29	257,925
.02	3,404,306	.32		
November 30, 1993	2,959,989	2,507,291	.23	1,136,926
.11	3,644,217	.34		
February 28, 1994	2,718,394	2,272,046	.21	1,785,670
.16	4,057,716	.37		
May 31, 1994	2,841,363	2,357,649	.22	(5,939,341)
(.55)	(3,581,692)	(.33)		
August 31, 1994	2,950,781	2,427,862	.21	(2,089,206)
(.18)	338,656	.03		
November 30, 1994	2,921,772	2,392,424	.22	(4,432,809)
(.41)	(2,040,385)	(.19)		
February 28, 1995	2,953,281	2,395,980	.22	1,200,534
.11	3,596,514	.33		

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Quarterly period ended	Dividends and distributions		Share price	
	Amount	Per share	High	Low
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November 30, 1992	\$2,417,334	\$.2250	\$8	\$7
February 28, 1993	2,421,213	.2250	83/8	7 1/4
May 31, 1993	2,424,024	.2250	81/2	8 1/8
August 31, 1993	2,429,851	.2250	87/8	8 1/8
November 30, 1993	2,488,477	.2300	81/2	8 1/8
February 28, 1994	3,046,577	.2800	91/8	8 3/8
May 31, 1994	2,526,830	.2300	91/8	7 3/4
August 31, 1994	2,368,563	.2100	81/2	7 3/4
November 30, 1994	2,373,295	.2200	8	7
February 28, 1995	2,377,311	.2200	75/8	6 7/8

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THE HIGH YIELD INCOME FUND, INC.

Financial Highlights

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Year Ended August 31,				Six Months Ended	
-----				February 28,	-----
1993	1992	1991	1990	1995	1994
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE:					
Net asset value, beginning of year*.....				\$ 7.21	\$ 7.75
\$ 7.46	\$ 6.84	\$ 6.79	\$ 8.60	-----	-----

Net investment income.....				.44	.87
1.01	.90	.90	.97		
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on					
investments.....				(.30)	(.46)
.18	.62	.08	(1.68)	-----	-----

Total from investment operations.....				.14	.41
1.19	1.52	.98	(.71)	-----	-----

Dividends paid to shareholders from net					
investment income.....				(.44)	(.91)
(.90)	(.90)	(.90)	(.97)		
Distributions from net realized capital					
gains.....				--	--
--	--	--	--		
Distributions to shareholders in excess of net					
investment income.....				--	(.04)
--	--	--	--		
Return of capital distributions.....				--	--
--	--	(.03)	(.13)	-----	-----

Total dividends and distributions.....				(.44)	(.95)
(.90)	(.90)	(.93)	(1.10)	-----	-----

Net asset value, end of period*.....				\$ 6.91	\$ 7.21
\$ 7.75	\$ 7.46	\$ 6.84	\$ 6.79	-----	-----

Market price per share, end of period*.....				\$ 7.63	\$ 7.88
\$ 8.75	\$ 7.75	\$ 6.63	\$ 5.75		

TOTAL INVESTMENT RETURN+.....				1.50%	1.67%
26.80%	31.79%	34.15%	(31.20)%		
RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:					
Net assets, end of period (000).....				\$ 75,712	\$78,525
\$83,789	\$80,007	\$73,080	\$72,494		
Average net assets (000).....				\$ 75,413	\$83,241
\$80,747	\$77,579	\$67,388	\$80,780		
Ratio of expenses to average net assets.....				2.91%DD	2.29%
2.20%	1.55%	1.39%	1.43%		
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets.....				12.80%DD	11.49%
13.47%	12.35%	14.23%	12.79%		
Portfolio turnover rate.....				41%	79%
83%	74%	72%	27%		
Asset coverage.....				479%	493%
519%	500%	--	--		
Total debt outstanding at period end (000).....				\$ 20,000	\$20,000
\$20,000	\$20,000	--	--		

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* NAV and market value published in The Wall Street Journal each Monday.

D Total investment return is calculated assuming a purchase of common stock at the current market price on

the first day and a sale at the current market price on the last day of each period reported. Dividends are assumed, for purposes of this calculation, to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Fund's dividend and reinvestment plan. Does not reflect brokerage commissions.

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