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Form N-Q
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-06495

FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE PREFERRED INCOME OPPORTUNITY FUND INCORPORATED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

301 E. Colorado Boulevard, Suite 720
PASADENA, CA 91101

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated
301 E. Colorado Boulevard, Suite 720
PASADENA, CA 91101

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 626-795-7300

Date of fiscal year end: NOVEMBER 30, 2006

Date of reporting period: FEBRUARY 28, 2006

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ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

The Schedule(s) of Investments is attached herewith.

FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE PREFERRED INCOME OPPORTUNITY FUND

To the Shareholders of the Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund ("PFO"):

The first fiscal quarter of 2006 was a mixed bag for PFO. On the plus side, for the three-month period ended February 28, 2006, the Fund produced a total return on net asset value of +3.7%. Despite this strong investment performance, net income available to shareholders has declined, and the Fund reduced its monthly dividend by 7.8% (from \$0.0705/share to \$0.065/share), beginning with the March distribution. The focus of the Fund is income, so the decision to reduce the dividend was difficult, but necessary.

The total return calculation mentioned above has two basic components--net income earned and the change in principal value. Recently, the latter has done well while the former has come under some pressure.

Net income earned, the amount of investment income left over after payment on the Fund's Money Market Preferred ("MMP(R)") shares and other expenses, is what the Fund can pay out in monthly distributions to common shareholders. Although investment income has increased recently, payments to MMP(R) shares have risen at a faster pace. As a result, the Fund could not continue to distribute common dividends at the same rate.

The MMP(R) rate is closely correlated to other short-term interest rates, all of which have moved up in concert with the Federal Reserve's efforts to influence the pace of economic activity. The MMP(R) rate has risen from a low of 1.05% in May 2004 to 3.70% in March 2006. Despite this jump in rates, the use of MMP(R) leverage continues to add incremental income for common shares because the money we obtain from leverage is being invested in securities with much higher yields.

The other component of total return, principal change, normally is not distributed to common shareholders, but instead is reflected by changes in the Fund's net asset value. During the fiscal period, the Fund's NAV rose 2.0%.

One last comment on total return--whatever the breakdown between net income and principal change, the entire amount belongs to common shareholders. In addition, the two tend to "merge" over time. For example, if principal value increases and the Fund can realize gains, the Fund will have more money to invest and can generate additional income. Or, shareholders can use the income they receive to purchase additional shares via the Dividend Reinvestment Plan to increase the value of their investment.

As readers may recall from previous discussions of market conditions, the preferred securities market has two main segments--issues that pay dividends and those that pay interest. We refer to the first type as "traditional" preferred stock and the second as "hybrid" preferred securities.

Investor demand for traditional preferred stock has been consistently strong for some time now; however new issue supply has not kept up--during the last fiscal quarter there were only two new issues, totaling a meager \$300 million. As a result of this imbalance, this segment has slowly and steadily outperformed other types of fixed-income securities. The solid performance of PFO reflects the portfolio's emphasis on traditional preferred stock.

Although demand for hybrid securities has also been strong for some time, the supply of new hybrid preferred has greatly exceeded the supply of traditional preferred. During the period there were thirty new hybrid issues with a market value of \$13.2 BILLION. As expected, many of these new issues were

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structured like the "ECAP" issues we discussed in our last letter (and on the Fund's website). Even with this sizable amount of new supply, the performance of this segment kept pace with most other types of fixed-income securities during the quarter.

Many of the recent hybrid preferred securities have terms and features that require very close scrutiny. While the basic structure of the enhanced capital security is now fairly well established, with each new issue we are observing small but important differences. This evolutionary process is typical of new structures--our job is to dissect each issue until we fully understand every twist and turn.

The Fund's hedge positions are intended to provide shareholders with some protection against significant increases in long-term interest rates. Over the course of the fiscal quarter, long-term interest rates barely moved, so the hedging strategy had little impact on the Fund's performance. The Fund's hedging strategy did benefit from the "flat" U.S. Treasury yield curve, since the cost of our hedges tends to be lower in this environment.

We hope investors will take advantage of the Fund's website, WWW.PREFERREDINCOME.COM. It contains a wide range of useful and up-to-date information about the Fund. In addition, some of the topics mentioned above are analyzed in greater depth in the Frequently Asked Questions section of the website.

Sincerely,

/s/ Donald F. Crumrine

/s/ Robert M. Ettinger

Donald F. Crumrine
Chairman of the Board

Robert M. Ettinger
President

April 17, 2006

Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund Incorporated
PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW
FEBRUARY 28, 2006 (UNAUDITED)

FUND STATISTICS ON 2/28/06

Net Asset Value \$ 12.38
Market Price \$ 12.39
Premium 0.08%
Yield on Market Price 6.83%
Common Shares Outstanding 11,685,484

MOODY'S RATINGS % OF PORTFOLIO

AAA 1.3%
AA 0.4%
A 18.3%
BBB 49.2%
BB 18.9%
Not Rated 10.8%

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Below Investment Grade* 20.2%

* BELOW INVESTMENT GRADE BY BOTH MOODY'S AND S&P.

[THE FOLLOWING TABLE WAS REPRESENTED BY A PIE CHART IN THE PRINTED MATERIAL.]

INDUSTRY CATEGORIES	% OF PORTFOLIO
Utilities	39%
Banks	23%
Insurance	13%
Financial Services	11%
Oil and Gas	6%
REITs	5%
Other	3%

TOP 10 HOLDINGS BY ISSUER	% OF PORTFOLIO
Interstate Power	5.3%
Entergy Louisiana	4.1%
Lehman Brothers	3.9%
Xcel Energy	3.8%
Principal Financial Group	3.5%
Alabama Power	3.1%
EOG Resources	3.0%
Cobank	3.0%
North Fork Bancorporation	2.9%
UnumProvident	2.6%

% OF

Holdings Generating Qualified Dividend Income (QDI) for Individuals
 Holdings Generating Income Eligible for the Corporate Dividend Received Deduction (DRD)

** THIS DOES NOT REFLECT YEAR-END RESULTS OR ACTUAL TAX CATEGORIZATION OF FUND DISTRIBUTIONS. THESE PERCENTAGES CAN, AND DO, CHANGE, PERHAPS SIGNIFICANTLY, DEPENDING ON MARKET CONDITIONS. INVESTORS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISOR REGARDING THEIR PERSONAL SITUATION.

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 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS
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PREFERRED SECURITIES -- 95.8%
 BANKING -- 22.0%

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\$	3,000,000	Astoria Capital Trust I, 9.75% 11/01/29 Capital Security, Series B
\$	250,000	Chase Capital I, 7.67% 12/01/26 Capital Security
		Cobank, ACB:
	45,000	7.00% Pfd., 144A****
	75,000	Adj. Rate Pfd., 144A****
\$	500,000	Comerica (Imperial) Capital Trust I, 9.98% 12/31/26 Capital Security, Series B ..
	4,500	FBOP Corporation, Adj. Rate Pfd., 144A****
\$	2,250,000	First Hawaiian Capital I, 8.343% 07/01/27 Capital Security, Series B
		First Republic Bank:
	200,000	6.25% Pfd.
	5,000	6.70% Pfd.
\$	4,349,000	GreenPoint Capital Trust I, 9.10% 06/01/27 Capital Security
\$	3,500,000	HBOS Capital Funding LP, 6.85% Pfd.
	5,000	HSBC Series II, Variable Inverse Pfd., Pvt.
	1,145	J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., 6.625% Pfd., Series H
\$	1,350,000	Keycorp Institutional Capital B, 8.25% 12/15/26 Capital Security
\$	1,500,000	North Fork Capital Trust I, 8.70% 12/15/26 Capital Security
	16,000	PFGI Capital Corporation, 7.75% Pfd.
\$	1,700,000	RBS Capital Trust B, 6.80% Pfd.
	10	Roslyn Real Estate, 8.95% Pfd., Series C, 144A****
	33,800	USB Capital VIII, 6.35% Pfd., 12/29/65
\$	3,500,000	Washington Mutual Preferred Funding, Variable Rate Pfd. 03/29/49, 144A****

FINANCIAL SERVICES -- 10.9%

	141,000	CIT Group, Inc., 6.35% Pfd., Series A
	53,500	Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., 6.20% Pfd., Series B
		Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc.:
	5,150	5.67% Pfd., Series D
	159,505	5.94% Pfd., Series C
	3,000	Merrill Lynch Series II STRIPES Custodial Receipts, Pvt.
	60,000	Morgan Stanley Capital Trust VI, 6.60% Pfd.
	94,150	SLM Corporation, 6.97% Pfd., Series A

INSURANCE -- 12.6%

	20,000	ACE Ltd., 7.80% Pfd., Series C
		Aegon NV:
	25,000	6.375% Pfd.
	25,000	6.50% Pfd.

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PREFERRED SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED)
 INSURANCE -- (CONTINUED)

	29,750	Arch Capital Group Ltd., 8.00% Pfd.
		Axis Capital Holdings:
	22,850	7.25% Pfd., Series A
	9,300	Variable Rate Pfd., Series B
	16,000	Berkley W.R. Capital Trust II, 6.75% 07/26/45
	22,000	Endurance Specialty Holdings, 7.75% Pfd.
	15,850	Everest Re Capital Trust II, 6.20% Pfd., Series B
	140,000	MetLife Inc., 6.50% Pfd., Series B
	275,000	Principal Financial Group, 6.518% Pfd.
\$	5,734,000	Provident Financing Trust I, 7.405% 03/15/38 Capital Security
		Renaissancere Holdings:
	6,000	7.30% Pfd., Series B
	5,000	8.10% Pfd., Series A
	123,000	Scottish Re Group Ltd., 7.25% Pfd.
\$	560,000	USF&G Capital, 8.312% 07/01/46 Capital Security, 144A****
	22,850	XL Capital Ltd., 8.00% Pfd. Series A

UTILITIES -- 39.0%

		Alabama Power Company:
	4,980	4.60% Pfd.
	6,485	4.72% Pfd.
	868	4.92% Pfd.
	225,000	5.30% Pfd.
	6,000	Baltimore Gas & Electric Company, 6.70% Pfd., Series 1993
	1,628	Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, 4.35% Pfd., Series D, Pvt.
	3,798	Central Maine Power Company, 4.75% Pfd.
	11,119	Central Vermont Public Service Corporation, 8.30% Sinking Fund Pfd., Pvt.
		Connecticut Light & Power Company:
	2,050	4.50% Pfd., Series 1956
	25,000	5.28% Pfd., Series 1967
	883	\$2.04 Pfd., Series 1949
	2,900	\$2.20 Pfd., Series 1949
	9,652	\$3.24 Pfd.
	2,000	Consolidated Edison Company of New York, 4.65% Pfd., Series C
	7,500	Dayton Power and Light Company, 3.90% Pfd., Series C

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 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)
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\$	1,500,000	Dominion Resources Capital Trust III, 8.40% 01/15/31
		Duquesne Light Company:
	15,030	3.75% Pfd.
	25,775	6.50% Pfd.
	5,000	Energy East Capital Trust I, 8.25% Pfd.
		Entergy Arkansas, Inc.:
	2,840	4.56% Pfd.
	3,050	4.56% Pfd., Series 1965
	1,435	6.08% Pfd.
	1,141	7.32% Pfd.
	14,625	7.40% Pfd.
	6,388	7.80% Pfd.
	2,588	7.88% Pfd.
	25,536	\$1.96 Pfd.
	2,441	Entergy Gulf States, Inc., 7.56% Pfd.
		Entergy Louisiana, Inc.:
	299	5.16% Pfd.
	943	6.44% Pfd.
	36,000	6.95% Pfd., 144A****
	4,174	7.36% Pfd.
	175,000	8.00% Pfd., Series 92
		Entergy Mississippi, Inc.:
	4,616	4.36% Pfd.
	5,000	4.92% Pfd.
	2,000	Florida Power Company, 4.75% Pfd.
		Great Plains Energy, Inc.:
	1,625	4.20% Pfd.
	2,000	4.35% Pfd.
	24,000	Gulf Power Company, 6.00% Pfd., Series 1
		Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.:
	2,471	5.00% Pfd., Series D
	7,438	5.00% Pfd., Series E
	1,383	5.00% Pfd., Series I
\$	3,750,000	Houston Light & Power Capital Trust II, 8.257% 02/01/37 Capital Security
	30,500	Indianapolis Power & Light Company, 5.65% Pfd.
	340,000	Interstate Power & Light Company, 8.375% Pfd., Series B
	200	Narragansett Electric Company, 4.64% Pfd.
	2,588	New York State Electric & Gas, \$4.50 Pfd., Series 1949

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 UTILITIES -- (CONTINUED)

12,265	Northern Indiana Public Service Company, Adj. Rate Pfd., Series A
	Ohio Power Company:

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	3,018	4.20% Pfd.
	1,251	4.40% Pfd.
		Pacific Enterprises:
	13,680	\$4.36 Pfd.
	24,985	\$4.50 Pfd.
	15,730	\$4.75 Pfd., Series 53
		Pacific Gas & Electric Co.:
	7,600	4.50% Pfd., Series H
	41,500	5.00% Pfd., Series D
	83,000	5.00% Pfd., Series E
		PacifiCorp:
	5,672	\$4.56 Pfd.
	6,708	\$4.72 Pfd.
	10,500	\$7.48 Sinking Fund Pfd.
	1,250	PECO Energy Company, \$4.30 Pfd., Series B
	15,142	Portland General Electric, 7.75% Sinking Fund Pfd.
	14,020	Public Service Electric & Gas Company, 5.28% Pfd., Series E
	70,210	San Diego Gas & Electric Company, \$1.70 Pfd.
	8,900	Savannah Electric & Gas Company, 6.00% Pfd.
		South Carolina Electric & Gas Company:
	14,226	5.125% Purchase Fund Pfd., Pvt.
	7,774	6.00% Purchase Fund Pfd., Pvt.
		Southern California Edison:
	57,646	4.08% Pfd.
	5,000	4.24% Pfd.
	60,000	Southern Union Company, 7.55% Pfd.
\$	750,000	TXU Electric Capital V, 8.175% 01/30/37 Capital Security
	5,700	Union Electric Company, 4.56% Pfd.
		Virginia Electric & Power Company:
	1,665	\$4.04 Pfd.
	2,470	\$4.20 Pfd.
	1,673	\$4.80 Pfd.
	2,878	\$6.98 Pfd.
	12,500	\$7.05 Pfd.
	11,200	Virginia Power Capital Trust, 7.375% Pfd. 07/30/42
	2,262	Washington Gas & Light Company, \$4.25 Pfd.
	12,863	Wisconsin Power & Light, 6.20% Pfd.

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PREFERRED SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED)
 UTILITIES -- (CONTINUED)

		Xcel Energy, Inc.:
	15,000	\$4.08 Pfd., Series B
	20,040	\$4.10 Pfd., Series C
	35,510	\$4.11 Pfd., Series D

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17,750 \$4.16 Pfd., Series E
 10,000 \$4.56 Pfd., Series G

OIL AND GAS -- 4.7%

8,000 Devon Energy Corporation, 6.49% Pfd., Series A
 6,125 EOG Resources, Inc., 7.195% Pfd., Series B
 \$ 1,650,000 KN Capital Trust III, 7.63% 04/15/28 Capital Security
 10,000 Lasmo America Limited, 8.15% Pfd., 144A****

REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST (REIT) -- 4.7%

31,000 AMB Property Corporation, 7.00% Pfd., REIT, Series O
 20,000 BRE Properties, Inc., 6.75% Pfd., REIT, Series D
 Duke Realty Corporation:
 15,000 6.50% Pfd., REIT, Series K
 20,000 6.625% Pfd., REIT, Series J
 1,000 Equity Residential Properties, 8.29% Pfd., REIT, Series K
 50,000 HRPT Properties Trust, 7.125% Pfd., REIT, Series C
 PS Business Parks, Inc.:
 10,000 7.00% Pfd., REIT, Series H
 18,120 7.20% Pfd., REIT, Series M
 Public Storage, Inc.:
 11,100 6.18% Pfd., REIT, Series D
 91,275 6.45% Pfd., REIT, Series F
 22,500 6.75% Pfd., REIT, Series E
 30,000 7.125% Pfd., REIT
 40,000 Realty Income Corporation, 7.375% Pfd., REIT, Series D
 Regency Centers Corporation:
 6,000 6.70% Pfd., REIT
 40,000 7.25% Pfd., REIT

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PREFERRED SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED)

MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIES -- 1.9%

13,600 E.I. Du Pont de Nemours and Company, \$4.50 Pfd., Series B
 35,000 Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., 6.25% Pfd., 144A****
 26,000 Touch America Holdings, \$6.875 Pfd.

TOTAL PREFERRED SECURITIES	
	(Cost \$190,728,413)
CORPORATE DEBT SECURITIES -- 1.7%	
	OIL AND GAS -- 1.2%

97,900	Nexen, Inc., 7.35% Subordinated Notes
UTILITIES -- 0.5%	

\$ 1,000,000	Duquesne Light Holdings, 6.25% 08/15/35
TOTAL CORPORATE DEBT SECURITIES	
	(Cost \$3,552,363)
COMMON STOCK -- 0.9%	
	BANKING -- 0.9%

110,000	New York Community Bancorp, Inc.
TOTAL COMMON STOCK	
	(Cost \$1,917,807)
OPTION CONTRACTS -- 0.4%	
210	April Put Options on June U.S. Treasury Bond Futures, Expiring 03/24/06
355	June Put Options on June U.S. Treasury Bond Futures, Expiring 05/26/06
810	June Put Options on June U.S. Treasury Bond Futures, Expiring 05/26/06

TOTAL OPTION CONTRACTS	
	(Cost \$1,038,801)

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MONEY MARKET FUND -- 2.1%	
4,561,767	BlackRock Provident Institutional, TempFund

TOTAL MONEY MARKET FUND	
	(Cost \$4,561,767)
TOTAL INVESTMENTS (Cost \$201,799,151***)	
OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (Net)	
	100.9
	(0.9)

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TOTAL NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON AND PREFERRED STOCK	100.0
MONEY MARKET CUMULATIVE PREFERRED(TM) STOCK (MMP(R)) REDEMPTION VALUE	-----
TOTAL NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK	-----

 * Securities eligible for the Dividends Received Deduction and distributing Qualified Dividend Income.

** Securities distributing Qualified Dividend Income only.

*** Aggregate cost of securities held.

**** Securities exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration to qualified institutional buyers. These securities have been determined to be liquid under the guidelines established by the Board of Directors.

(1) Foreign Issuer.

+ Non-income producing.

++ The percentage shown for each investment category is the total value of that category as a percentage of net assets available to Common and Preferred Stock.

ABBREVIATIONS:

REIT -- Real Estate Investment Trust

PFD. -- Preferred Securities

PVT. -- Private Placement Securities

 Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund Incorporated
 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK(1)
 FOR THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 1, 2005 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2006 (UNAUDITED)

	VALUE

OPERATIONS:	
Net investment income	\$ 2,767,2
Net realized gain/(loss) on investments sold during the period	454,6
Change in net unrealized appreciation/depreciation of investments held during the period	2,715,0
Distributions to Money Market Cumulative Preferred(TM) Stock Shareholders from net investment income, including changes in accumulated undeclared distributions	(610,2

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NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	5,326,6
DISTRIBUTIONS:	
Dividends paid from net investment income to Common Stock Shareholders (2)	(2,470,2
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS	(2,470,2
FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS:	
Increase from shares issued under the Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan	109,2
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK RESULTING FROM FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS	109,2
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK FOR THE PERIOD	\$ 2,965,6 =====

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK:	
Beginning of period	\$ 141,716,5
Net increase in net assets during the period	2,965,6
End of period	\$ 144,682,1 =====

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- (1) These tables summarize the three months ended February 28, 2006 and should be read in conjunction with the Fund's audited financial statements, including footnotes, in its Annual Report dated November 30, 2005.
- (2) May include income earned, but not paid out, in prior fiscal year.

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 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS(1)
 FOR THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 1, 2005 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2006 (UNAUDITED)
 FOR A COMMON SHARE OUTSTANDING THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD.

PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE:

Net asset value, beginning of period	
INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:	
Net investment income	
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments	
DISTRIBUTIONS TO MMP(R)* SHAREHOLDERS:	
From net investment income	
From net realized capital gains	
Total from investment operations	

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DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS:

From net investment income
From net realized capital gains .....	.....
 Total distributions to Common Stock Shareholders .....	.....
 Net asset value, end of period .....	.....
 Market value, end of period .....	.....
 Common shares outstanding, end of period .....	.....

RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS:

Net investment income + .....	.....
Operating expenses .....	.....

SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:++

Portfolio turnover rate .....	.....
Total net assets available to Common and Preferred Stock, end of period (in 000's) .....	.....
Ratio of operating expenses to total average net assets available to Common and Preferred Stock .....	.....

(1) These tables summarize the three months ended February 28, 2006 and should be read in conjunction with the Fund's audited financial statements, including footnotes, in its Annual Report dated November 30, 2005.

* Money Market Cumulative Preferred(TM) Stock.

** Annualized.

*** Not Annualized.

+ The net investment income ratios reflect income net of operating expenses and payments to MMP(R)* Shareholders.

++ Information presented under heading Supplemental Data includes MMP(R)*.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)
PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK (UNAUDITED)

	TOTAL DIVIDENDS PAID	NET ASSET VALUE	NYSE CLOSING PRICE	DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PRICE (1)
December 31, 2005	\$0.0705	\$12.24	\$11.09	\$11.43
January 31, 2006	0.0705	12.28	12.63	12.28
February 28, 2006	0.0705	12.38	12.39	12.38

(1) Whenever the net asset value per share of the Fund's Common Stock is less than or equal to the market price per share on the payment date, new shares issued will be valued at the higher of net asset value or 95% of the then current market price. Otherwise, the reinvestment shares of

Common Stock will be purchased in the open market.

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Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund Incorporated
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

1. AGGREGATE INFORMATION FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES

At February 28, 2006, the aggregate cost of securities for federal income tax purposes was \$201,624,995, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there is an excess of value over tax cost was \$18,372,809 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there is an excess of tax cost over value was \$3,448,796.

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Report

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- o If your shares are held in a Brokerage Account, contact your Broker.
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THIS REPORT IS SENT TO SHAREHOLDERS OF FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE PREFERRED INCOME OPPORTUNITY FUND INCORPORATED FOR THEIR INFORMATION. IT IS NOT A PROSPECTUS, CIRCULAR OR REPRESENTATION INTENDED FOR USE IN THE PURCHASE OR SALE OF SHARES OF THE FUND OR OF ANY SECURITIES MENTIONED IN THIS REPORT.

ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- (b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d)) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act and Section 302 of

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the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE PREFERRED INCOME OPPORTUNITY FUND INCORPORATED

By (Signature and Title)* /S/ DONALD F. CRUMRINE

Donald F. Crumrine, Director, Chairman of the Board
and Chief Executive Officer
(principal executive officer)

Date APRIL 12, 2006

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title)* /S/ DONALD F. CRUMRINE

Donald F. Crumrine, Director, Chairman of the Board
and Chief Executive Officer
(principal executive officer)

Date APRIL 12, 2006

By (Signature and Title)* /S/ R. ERIC CHADWICK

R. Eric Chadwick, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer
and Vice President
(principal financial officer)

Date APRIL 12, 2006

* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.