DEPARTMENT 56 INC Form 8-K October 24, 2002

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: October 24, 2002

Date of Earliest Event Reported: October 23, 2002

DEPARTMENT 56, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-11908 13-3684956

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(Commission File Number)

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

One Village Place, 6436 City West Parkway, Eden Prairie, MN 55344

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (952) 944-5600

Item 5. Other Events.

A copy of the Company Press Release, dated October 23, 2002, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURES

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 hereunto duly authorized.

DEPARTMENT 56, INC.

/s/ Lisa B. Riedesel Lisa B. Riedesel Assistant Secretary

Dated: October 24, 2002

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release, dated October 23, 2002.

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