

DEPARTMENT 56 INC  
Form 8-K  
October 28, 2004

**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 28, 2004**

Date of Earliest Event Reported: **October 27, 2004**

**DEPARTMENT 56, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or  
organization)

**1-11908**

(Commission File Number)

**13-3684956**

(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**

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

A copy of the Company Press Release, dated October 27, 2004, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

99.1 Press Release, dated October 27, 2004.

**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/ Timothy J. Schugel  
Timothy J. Schugel  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: October 28, 2004

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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