

DEPARTMENT 56 INC

Form 8-K

March 18, 2003

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: **March 17, 2003**

Date of Earliest Event Reported: **March 17, 2003**

DEPARTMENT 56, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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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**

Item 5. Other Events.

A copy of the Company Press Release, dated March 17, 2003, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release, dated March 17, 2003.

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: March 17, 2003

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release, dated March 17, 2003.