

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**

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**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**

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                   |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
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