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FREDS INC
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August 29, 2006

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 (Date of earliest event reported): August 29, 2006

FREDS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Commission File Number 001-14565

Tennessee

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

62-0634010

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

4300 New Getwell Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38118

(Address of principal executive offices)

(901) 365-8880

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Not Applicable

(Former Name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 5.02. DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

On August 29, 2006, Rick A. Chambers, 42, Senior Vice President - Pharmacy Operations was promoted to Executive Vice President - Pharmacy Operations and Gerald E. Thompson, 56, was appointed the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Fred's, Inc. (the "Registrant"). Mr. Thompson, who has served on the Registrant's Board of Directors since 2005, replaces Douglas J. Tate, who has entered into a consulting relationship with Fred's to help ensure continuity in the Company's current operational initiatives.

A copy of the press release announcing the foregoing changes is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release issued by Fred's, Inc., dated August 29, 2006.

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.

FRED'S, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: August 29, 2006

By: /s/ Jerry A. Shore

Jerry A. Shore
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number -----	Description of Exhibit(s) -----
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