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> 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): February 1, 2007

FREDS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Commission File Number 001-14565

Tennessee

62-0634010

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

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

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

On February 1, 2007, the Company announced that Michael T. McMillan has been named to the Company's Board of Directors, effective February 5, 2007. With this appointment, Mr. McMillan has also been named as a member of the Audit, Compensation, and Corporate Governance and Nominating Committees of the Board of Directors. It was also announced that Gerald E. Thompson, R.Ph., who in August 2006 assumed the role of Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Fred's, Inc., will resign from the Board effective February 5, 2007, and continue in his managerial responsibilities with the Company. With these changes, Fred's Board will be composed of seven members, five of whom are independent directors.

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 February 1, 2007.

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: February 5, 2007 By: /s/ Jerry A. Shore

Jerry A. Shore

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit(s)
99.1	Copy of press release issued by Fred's, Inc. on February 1, 2007.