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PATHWAYS GROUP INC  
Form SC 13D  
March 12, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Initial Filing)

THE PATHWAYS GROUP, INC.  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, Par Value, \$0.01 Per Share  
(Title of Class of Securities)

70321D  
(CUSIP Number)

Howard A. Jaffe  
Upgrade International Corporation  
1411 Fourth Avenue, Suite 629  
Seattle, WA 98101  
(206) 903-3116

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized  
to Receive Notices and Communications)

September 8, 2000  
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition which is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Section 13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box [ ].

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\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON - S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Upgrade International Corporation, EIN 58-2441311

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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) [ ]  
(b) [ ]

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3 SEC USE ONLY

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS\*  
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5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(E) [ ]

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
Washington

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NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

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7 SOLE VOTING POWER  
8,295,231

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8 SHARED VOTING POWER

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9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

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10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
8,295,231

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12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\* [ ]

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
44.34%

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14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
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\*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW BEFORE FILLING OUT!

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Item 1. Security and Issuer

(a) Class of Securities: Common Stock, par value,  
\$0.01 per share ("Common Stock")

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(b) Issuer: The Pathways Group, Inc. (the "Issuer")  
14201 N.E. 200th Street  
Woodinville, WA 98072

### Item 2. Identity and Background

(a) Name: Upgrade International Corporation ("Upgrade"),  
a Washington corporation

See Exhibit A for Officers, Directors and Control Persons of Upgrade.

(b) Address: 1411 Fourth Avenue, Suite 629, Seattle, WA 98101

(c) Business or occupation: Data Storage "smart" cards

(d) Neither Upgrade, nor any individual listed in Exhibit A attached hereto, has been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) during the past five years.

(e) During the last five years, neither Upgrade, nor any individual listed in Exhibit A attached hereto, was a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violations with respect to such laws.

### Item 3. Source of Funds or Other Consideration

On September 8, 2000, Upgrade and the Issuer entered into an Agreement and Plan of Reorganization (the "Merger Agreement"), pursuant to which Upgrade would acquire all of the outstanding stock of Issuer. In connection with the Merger Agreement, Upgrade provided interim debt financing to the Issuer pending closure of the merger ("Interim Financing"). Pursuant to the Merger Agreement and collateral documents thereto, including The Pathways Group, Inc. Series A Senior Secured Note dated July 28, 2000 (the "Note"), The Pathways Group, Inc. Warrants to Purchase Common Stock dated September 8, 2000 (the "Warrants"), and the Financing Agreement and First and Second Amendments thereto (collectively, the "Financing Agreement") (the Note, Warrants and Financing Agreement are collectively referred to herein as "Interim Financing Documents" and are attached as Exhibits hereto), in consideration for the financing, Upgrade was to be issued warrants to purchase up to an aggregate of 5,000,000 Issuer's shares for \$0.65 at a rate of one share of Issuer stock for each one dollar advanced subject to certain adjustments. At February 28, 2001, Upgrade had exercisable warrants to purchase 3,854,975 shares at \$.65 per share.

The parties also entered into a Conversion Agreement dated September 8, 2000 ("Conversion Agreement"), which provides that, upon termination of the Merger Agreement, all financing extended by Upgrade and interest and costs accrued under the Note could be converted into shares of Issuer's stock at a conversion rate of \$0.75 per share. On February 15, 2001, Upgrade terminated the Merger Agreement. As of February 28, 2001, Upgrade had the right to convert amounts due under the Note to 4,440,256 shares of Issuer's common stock.

### Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

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Upgrade's right to acquire Issuer's Stock was granted pursuant to the Merger Agreement and Interim Financing Documents, pursuant to which Upgrade proposed to acquire 100% of the Issuer's stock in an all-share transaction. However, on February 15, 2001, Upgrade terminated the Merger Agreement, and has no present intent to acquire any further interest in the Issuer other than additional conversion rights that accrue due to the accrual of interest under the Interim Financing Documents.

### Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

As of the close of business on February 28, 2001, Upgrade, by virtue of the language of Rule 13d-3(d)(1)(i), may be deemed to own beneficially in the aggregate the number and percentage of the Issuer's Common Stock set forth below (based upon the Issuer's Form 10-Q dated November 14, 2000, which reported the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding to be 18,710,062 as of November 13, 2000).

Name	Shares of Common Stock	Percentage
Upgrade International Corporation	8,295,321(1)	44.34%

(1) Represents warrants to purchase 3,854,975 shares of Pathways' stock at \$.65 per share, exercisable within 60 days and the right to convert outstanding debt in the amount of \$3,330,192.71 at \$.75 per share.

### Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

a. Agreement and Plan of Reorganization dated September 8, 2000 by and between Upgrade and Issuer, pursuant to which Upgrade would have acquired 100% of the Issuer's stock in an all-share transaction. The Agreement and Plan of Reorganization was terminated by Upgrade on February 15, 2001.

b. Warrant to Purchase Common Stock dated September 8, 2000 by and between Upgrade and Issuer, pursuant to which Upgrade may acquire 1,670,192 shares of Issuer's common stock at an exercise price equal to \$0.65, or in lieu of cash exercise may convert the warrant by the following formula: (a) the product of (i) the number of warrant shares to be purchased, and (ii) the excess, if any, of (A) the market price per share as of the date of conversion over (B) \$0.65, divided by (b) the market price per share as of the date of conversion.

c. Financing Agreement dated June 30, 2000 as amended by the First Amendment to Financing Agreement dated July 13, 2000, and the Second Amendment to Financing Agreement dated September 8, 2000, pursuant to which Upgrade was granted warrants to purchase up to 5 million shares of Issuer's stock at \$.65, such warrants to be issued at a rate of one share of Issuer stock for each one dollar advanced subject to certain adjustments.

d. The Pathways Group, Inc. Series A Senior Secured Note dated July 28, 2000 for \$5 million with interest at a rate of 10% on amounts advanced and becoming due and payable in full on or before June 30, 2001.

e. Conversion Agreement dated September 8, 2000 by and between Upgrade and Issuer, pursuant to which Upgrade may convert any amounts due under the Note, and interest and costs accrued thereon, into shares of Issuer's stock at a

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conversion rate of \$0.75 per share.

Item 7. Material to be filed as Exhibits

Exhibit

Number Name  
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99.1\* Agreement and Plan of Reorganization  
99.2 Warrant  
99.3\*\* Financing Agreement  
99.4\*\* First Amendment to Financing Agreement  
99.5 Second Amendment to Financing Agreement  
99.6 Note  
99.7 Conversion Agreement

\*Incorporated by reference from Upgrade's Form 10-KSB filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 16, 2001.

\*\*Incorporated by reference from Pathways' Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 21, 2000.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, we certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: March 9, 2001

UPGRADE INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

/s/

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Howard Jaffe, Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer

EXHIBIT A

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND CONTROL PERSONS OF UPGRADE INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

Daniel S. Bland, Chief Executive Officer, President, Secretary, Director, and >5% Beneficial Owner %  
Malcolm P. Burke, Director  
Ronald P. Erickson, Director  
Brian J. Kerr, Director  
Howard A. Jaffe, Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Director