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): July 22, 2004

ALBERTO-CULVER COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware	1-5050	36-2257936
(State or other jurisdiction of	(Commission File	(IRS Employer
incorporation or organization)	Number)	Identification No.)
	2525 Armitage Avenue	
	Melrose Park, Illinois 60160	_
	(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)	
Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (708) 450-3000		

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ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

The following exhibits are included herein:

Number	Description	
99	Press Release dated July 22, 2004	

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On July 22, 2004, Alberto-Culver Company issued a press release announcing its financial results for the third quarter ended June, 2004. The full text of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

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SIGNATURE

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 thereunto duly authorized.

ALBERTO-CULVER COMPANY

By: /s/ William J. Cernugel William J. Cernugel

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

July 22, 2004