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> 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): November 29, 2007

FREDS, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Commission File Number 001-14565

Tennessee

62-0634010

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(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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- |_| Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On November 29, 2007, Fred's, Inc. issued a press release announcing its financial results for the third quarter and nine months ended November 3, 2007.

ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.

In the Company's press release dated November 29, 2007, Fred's also disclosed that it has received multiple inquiries from qualified parties. The Board of Directors has retained Merrill Lynch & Co. to review a range of strategic and financial alternatives; and, on the advice of counsel, the Company has temporarily suspended its stock repurchase program.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release issued by Fred's, Inc., dated November 29, 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: November 29, 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 November 29, 2007.