BUTLER MANUFACTURING CO Form 8-K April 27, 2004

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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): April 26, 2004

BUTLER MANUFACTURING COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

001-12335 (Commission File Number)

44-0188420 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1540 Genessee Street P.O. BOX 419917 Kansas City, Missouri 64102

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (816) 968-3000

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Item 5. Other Events.

On April 26, 2004, Butler Manufacturing Company issued a press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release, dated April 26, 2004.

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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.

Dated: April 26, 2004

BUTLER MANUFACTURING COMPANY

/s/ LARRY C. MILLER

By: Larry C. Miller

Its: Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer

/s/ JOHN W. HUEY

By: John W. Huey

Its: Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

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