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FRIEDMANS INC Form 8-K October 19, 2004

> UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 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): October 19, 2004 (October 18, 2004)

Friedman's Inc. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

0-22356 58-20583 Delaware _____ (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File (IRS Employer of Incorporation) Number) Identification No.)

171 Crossroads Parkway Savannah, Georgia 31422 (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(912) 233-9333 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- [] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

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On October 18, 2004, Peter Thorner was elected to the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Friedman's Inc. (the "Company") by the written consent of the Company's controlling stockholder. The Board has not yet determined on which of its committees Mr. Thorner will serve.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Thorner and any other person pursuant to which Mr. Thorner was selected as a director. There are no transactions to which the Company is a party and in which Mr. Thorner had a material interest that are required to be disclosed under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. The text of the press release announcing the election of Mr. Thorner is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Financial Statements and Exhibits. Item 9.01.

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed as part of this report:

Exhibit

Number Description

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated October 19, 2004

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FRIEDMAN'S INC.

By: /s/ C. Steven Moore Date: October 19, 2004

C. Steven Moore

Chief Administrative Officer

and General Counsel

EXHIBIT INDEX

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Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated October 19, 2004