

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) September 24, 2002

BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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<S>	New Jersey	<C> 001-4802	<C> 22-0760120
	(State or other juris- diction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Iden- tification Number)

1 Becton Drive, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey 07417-1880

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code (201) 847-6800

N/A

(Former name or former addresses if changed since last report.)

Item 5. Other Events

On September 24, 2002, the Registrant issued the press release that is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7. Financial Statements. Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated September 24, 2002

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.

BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Gary DeFazio

Gary DeFazio
Assistant Secretary

Date: September 24, 2002

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number

99.1

Description of Exhibit

Press release dated September 24, 2002

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BERTRAM L. SCOTT ELECTED TO BD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Franklin Lakes, NJ (September 24, 2002) - BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company) (NYSE:BDX) has elected Bertram L. Scott to its Board of Directors.

Mr. Scott, 51, is the President of TIAA-CREF Life Insurance Company and Executive Vice President of TIAA-CREF. Prior to joining TIAA-CREF in November 2000, Mr. Scott served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Horizon/Mercy, a joint Medicaid managed care program between Mercy Health Plan of Pennsylvania and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey.

"BD is fortunate to have someone of Mr. Scott's stature join our Board," said Edward J. Ludwig, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Bert's attributes as a leader, experience in corporate governance and business expertise in the insurance and healthcare fields will all be of significant value to BD."

Mr. Scott is a graduate of DePaul University, which honored him earlier this year with its School for New Learning David O. Justice Award. Among his civic and professional affiliations, Mr. Scott serves on the boards of the American Heart Association, the Committee for Economic Development, the Health Insurance Association of America and is a member of the American Council of Life Insurers Executive Roundtable. In 2000, Mr. Scott served as the chairman of the United Way of Essex and West Hudson, New Jersey. That same year the New Jersey Chapter of the NAACP honored him as the CEO of the Year.

BD is a medical technology company that serves healthcare institutions, life science researchers, clinical laboratories, industry and the general public. BD manufactures and sells a broad range of medical supplies, devices, laboratory equipment and diagnostic products. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2001, BD reported total revenues of \$3.8 billion.

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