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): January 22, 2004

ALBERTO-CULVER COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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)

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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 January 22, 2004		

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On January 22, 2004, Alberto-Culver Company issued a press release announcing its financial results for the first quarter ended December 31, 2003. 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)

January 22, 2004