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November 06, 2003

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 6, 2003

BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New Jersey

001-4802

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)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(201) 847-6800

N/A

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

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

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Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated November 6, 2003
announcing financial results for the fourth quarter
and fiscal year ended September 30, 2003.

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 6, 2003, the Company issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended September 30, 2003. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

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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)

GARY DEFAZIO

By: /s/ Gary DeFazio

Gary DeFazio
Assistant Secretary

Date: November 6, 2003

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Exhibit
Number

Description of Exhibits

99.1

Press release issued November 6, 2003

STATEMENT OF DIFFERENCES

The trademark symbol shall be expressed as.....'TM'