

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) December 20, 2004  
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Culp, Inc.  
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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

North Carolina

0-12781

56-1001967  
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(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

101 South Main Street  
High Point, North Carolina 27260  
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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)  
(Zip Code)

(336) 889-5161  
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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable  
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(Former name or address, if changed from last report)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- 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 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

Culp, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release dated December 20, 2004 to announce the retirement of Howard L. Dunn, vice chairman of the Company, effective December 31, 2004. A copy of the press release is filed with this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) The following exhibits are filed as part of this report:

99.1 - Press Release dated December 20, 2004.

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.

Date: December 20, 2004

Culp, Inc.

By: /s/ Kenneth M. Ludwig

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Kenneth M. Ludwig  
Senior Vice President,  
Human Resources

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Press Release dated December 20, 2004

## Culp, Inc. Announces Retirement of Howard L. Dunn

HIGH POINT, N.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 20, 2004--Culp, Inc. (NYSE: CFI) today announced that Howard L. Dunn, Jr., vice chairman of Culp, will retire from his management position effective December 31, 2004. Dunn (67) will continue to serve on the company's Board of Directors.

Dunn, one of the founders of Culp, has served in various senior management positions with responsibilities for the areas of sales, design and product development, and manufacturing. He served as president and chief operating officer of Culp from June 1993 until May 2004 when he assumed the role of vice chairman. In this capacity, Dunn held executive responsibility for Culp's China operations and has also stayed involved in the company's design and product development activities.

Robert G. Culp, III, chairman and chief executive officer, said, "Howard Dunn has been a great part of both the cultural and business development of this company for over 32 years. Our growth and success over the years speak directly to his leadership capabilities and his vision for Culp. Since 1972, Howard has played a vital role in Culp's evolution into a fully integrated manufacturer and one of the world's largest marketers of mattress fabrics for bedding and upholstery fabrics for furniture. We accept Howard's decision to retire with regret but also with deep appreciation for his long service to the company."

Franklin N. Saxon was named Dunn's successor as president and chief operating officer of Culp in May 2004. Commenting on the announcement, Saxon added, "It has been a great privilege to work with someone with the talent, drive and integrity of Howard Dunn. Our development as a company reflects his steadfast commitment to continually raising our standards of performance. Most recently, he has been instrumental in helping us establish Culp's operations in China and we are enthusiastic about the progress we have made under his leadership. We appreciate his many years of dedication to Culp and are confident we will continue to benefit from Howard's experience as a valued member of our board."

Culp, Inc. is one of the world's largest marketers of mattress fabrics for bedding and upholstery fabrics for furniture. The company's fabrics are used principally in the production of bedding products and residential and commercial upholstered furniture.

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