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February 14, 2002

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) February 14, 2002

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.)

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Item 5. OTHER EVENTS

On February 14, 2002 the Registrant confirmed in a press release the election of Edward J. Ludwig to the additional role of Chairman of the Board effective following the Annual Meeting of Shareholders that was held on February 13, 2002.

A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

Exhibit 99--Press release dated February 14, 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/ Kathleen M. Gibson

Kathleen M. Gibson
Assistant Secretary

Date: February 14, 2002

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number -----	Description of Exhibit -----
99	Press release dated February 14, 2002.