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

March 6, 2006 (Date of Report, date of earliest event reported)

Stage Stores, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

1-14035

(Commission File Number)

NEVADA

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

91-1826900 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

10201 Main Street, Houston, Texas (Address of principal executive offices)

77025 (Zip Code)

(800) 579-2302

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- □ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

Fourth Quarter Earnings Release Date and Conference Call Information

On March 6, 2006 - Stage Stores, Inc. (the "Company") issued a new release announcing that it will release its fourth quarter 2005 financial results at 6:00 a.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, March 9, 2006. The release of the Company's fourth quarter financial results will be followed by a conference call, which will be held at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time on the same day.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (c) Exhibits.
 - 99 News release issued by Stage Stores, Inc. on March 6, 2006 announcing the that it will release fourth quarter 2005 financial results at 6:00 am Eastern Time on Thursday, March, 9, 2006.

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.

STAGE STORES, INC.

March 7, 2006 (Date) <u>/s/ Michael E. McCreery</u> Michael E. McCreery Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer