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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: March 5, 2003

HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC. ______ (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) 1-4221 73-0679879 Delaware (Commission File (I.R.S. Employer (State or other jurisdiction of Number) Identification incorporation) Number) Utica at Twenty-first Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74114 ______ (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) (918) 742-5531 ______ (Registrant's telephone number, including area code) N/A ______ (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

Effective March 5, 2003, Mr. George A. Schaefer retired from the Board of Directors of Registrant. As a consequence, the Registrant's Board of Directors decreased its membership from ten to nine.

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SIGNATURES

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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.

By: /s/ Steven R. Mackey

Name: Steven R. Mackey Title: Vice President

Dated: March 5, 2003

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