BECTON DICKINSON & CO Form 8-K 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

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

001-4802 22-0760120 New Jersey \_\_\_\_\_ (State or other juris-<br/>diction of incorporation)(Commission<br/>File Number)(IRS Employer Iden<br/>tification Number) (IRS Employer Iden-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'