





**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On November 3, 2005, Stage Stores, Inc. (the "Company") issued a news release announcing the Company's October sales and updating sales and earnings guidance. A copy of the news release is attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

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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.

**STAGE STORES, INC.**

November 7, 2005  
(Date)

/s/ Michael E. McCreery  
Michael E. McCreery  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer