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BECTON DICKINSON & CO  
Form 8-K  
July 24, 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) July 24, 2003  
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BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New Jersey

001-4802

22-0760120

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(State or other juris-  
diction of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer Iden-  
tification Number)

1 Becton Drive, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey

07417-1880

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(201) 847-6800  
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N/A

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(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 July 24, 2003  
announcing the financial results for the third  
quarter ended June 30, 2003.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

The information contained in this Item 9 of this Current Report is being furnished pursuant to "Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition", in accordance with SEC Release No. 33-8216. The information in this Current Report is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section.

On July 24, 2003, the Company issued a press release announcing its results for the third quarter ended June 30, 2003. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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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)

By: /s/ Gary DeFazio

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Gary DeFazio  
Assistant Secretary

Date: July 24, 2003

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

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| Exhibit<br>Number<br>----- | Description of Exhibits<br>-----   |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 99.1                       | Press release issued July 24, 2003 |

STATEMENT OF DIFFERENCES

The trademark symbol shall be expressed as.....'TM'