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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: December 6, 2002

HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC. ______ (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) 73-0679879 Delaware (State or other (Commission File (I.R.S. Employer jurisdiction of Number) Identification incorporation) Number) Utica at Twenty-first Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma ______ (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.

On December 4, 2002, the Registrant's Board of Directors increased its membership from nine to ten, and Ms. Paula Marshall-Chapman, Chief Executive Officer of The Bama Companies, Inc., was elected a Director of the First Class.

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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: December 6, 2002

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