UNITED STATES 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): May 26, 2005

Gottschalks Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State of Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

<u>1-09100</u>

77-0159791

 $(Commission\ File\ Number)$

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

7 River Park Place East Fresno, California 93720

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(Address of principal executive offices including zip code)	
<u>(559) 434-4800</u>	
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)	
Not Applicable	
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)	
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On May 26, 2005, Gottschalks Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing the Company's appointment of Philip S. Schlein to its Board of Directors. The text of the release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	<u>Description</u>	
99-1	Press Release dated May 26, 2005.	Also provided in <u>PDF format</u> as a courtesy.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

	Gottschalks Inc. (Registrant)
May 27, 2005	By: /s/ James R. Famalette James R. Famalette President and Chief Executive Officer
May 27, 2005	By: <u>/s/ J. Gregory Ambro</u> J. Gregory Ambro Chief Administrative and Financial Officer