

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)

November 15, 2004

ASTRO-MED, INC
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 0-13200

RHODE ISLAND 05-0318215
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF (IRS EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION
INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION) NUMBER)

600 EAST GREENWICH AVENUE, WEST WARWICK, RI 02893
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES, INCLUDING ZIP CODE)

(401-828-4000)
(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

ITEM 5.02 APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICER

On November 15, 2004 the Board of Directors of Astro-Med, Inc. (the "Company") appointed John D. McGuinness, 40, as the Company's corporate controller (principal accounting officer).

Mr. McGuinness brings a diverse background of successful financial management experience to Astro-Med from his many years in both private industry and public accounting. Most recently, Mr. McGuinness held the position of Corporate Controller for Paramount Cards Holding Company where he served in that capacity for three years. Prior to his three years with Paramount, he held the position of senior financial analyst with Nortek, Inc. Mr. McGuinness's tenure in public accounting included three years with KPMG LLP where he served on the firm's audit staff.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrants have duly caused this report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

DATE: November 15, 2004

ASTRO-MED, INC.

By: /s/ Joseph P. O'Connell

Joseph P. O'Connell
Vice President, Treasurer
and Chief Financial Officer