RETAIL VENTURES INC Form 8-K March 14, 2005

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 M reported)

March 14, 2005

Retail Ventures, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio

1-10767

(Commission

20-0090238

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

43224

(Zip Code)

3241 Westerville Road, Columbus, Ohio (Address of principal executive offices)

(614) 471-4722

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On March 14, 2005, Retail Ventures, Inc. (the Company) announced that DSW Inc., its wholly-owned subsidiary, will pursue an initial public offering. A copy of the press release making this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated March 14, 2005

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Signature

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.

Retail Ventures, Inc.

By: /s/ James A. McGrady

James A. McGrady Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary

Date: March 14, 2005

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