

LAVIN BERNICE E
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Schedule 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 13)*

ALBERTO-CULVER COMPANY

(Name of Issuer)

CLASS B COMMON STOCK, \$.22 PAR VALUE PER SHARE

(Title of Class of Securities)

013068101

(CUSIP Number)

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Two North LaSalle Street, Suite 2200
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Bernice E. Lavin
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person

Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

September 21, 2003

(Date of Event which Requires

Filing of this Statement)

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SCHEDULE 13D

CUSIP No. 013068101

1. Name of Reporting Person, S.S. or I.R.S. Identification No. of above person

Bernice E. Lavin

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group*

(a)

(b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds*

Not applicable

5. Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

U.S. Citizen

NUMBER OF 7. Sole Voting Power
SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 0

OWNED BY 8. Shared Voting Power
EACH

REPORTING 5,788,329

PERSON 9. Sole Dispositive Power
WITH

0

10. Shared Dispositive Power

5,788,329

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

5,788,329

12. Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares*

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

17.90%

14. Type of Reporting Person

IN

* See instructions

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Item 1. Security and Issuer.

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|-------------------------------|---|
| Title of Class of Securities: | Class B Common Stock, \$.22 par value per share (shares or Class B shares) |
| Name and Address of Issuer: | Alberto-Culver Company (the Company) 2525 Armitage Avenue Melrose Park, IL 60160 |

Item 2. Identity and Background.

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| (a) | Name of Person Filing: | Bernice E. Lavin (Lavin) |
| (b) | Address: | c/o Bernice E. Lavin 2525 Armitage Avenue Melrose Park, IL 60160 |
| (c) | Principal Business: | Lavin, an individual, is a Director, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Company. |
| (d) | Prior Criminal Convictions: | None |
| (e) | Prior Civil Proceedings with Respect to Federal or State Securities Laws: | None |
| (f) | Citizenship/Organization: | U.S. Citizen |

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

On September 21, 2003 the (i) 2001 BEL Grantor Annuity Trust, u/a/d 9/18/01, to which Lavin shares voting and investment power, was terminated and the securities held by such trust were distributed to the following residual beneficiary: 546,953 Class B shares to the Carol L. Bernick and Children GRAT Trust, u/a/d 9/18/01 (the CLB 2001 Trust), to which Carol L. Bernick (Bernick) has sole voting and investment power; and (ii) 2001 LHL Grantor Annuity Trust, u/a/d 9/18/01, to which Lavin shares voting and investment power, was terminated and the securities held by such trust were distributed to the following residual beneficiary: 715,378 Class B shares to the CLB 2001 Trust, to which Bernick has sole voting and investment power.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

The transactions were for the Lavin family's estate planning rather than corporate purposes. The transactions were not undertaken for purposes of effecting any of the actions listed in this item.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

- (a) (i) Amount of Class B Shares Beneficially Owned: 5,788,329 shares total; 2,863,225 Class B shares held as co-trustee of the Bernice E. Lavin Trust, u/a/d 12/18/87 (the BEL Trust); 2,645,104 Class B shares held as co-trustee of the Leonard H. Lavin Trust, u/a/d 12/18/87 (the LHL Trust); and 280,000 Class B shares held by the Lavin Family Foundation, a private charitable foundation of which Lavin is a Vice President and a Director (the Lavin Family Foundation).
- (ii) Percentage of Class B shares Beneficially Owned: 17.90% total: 8.85% as co-trustee of the BEL Trust; 8.18% as co-trustee of the LHL Trust; and .87% by the Lavin Family Foundation (based upon 32,340,240 shares outstanding as of June 30, 2003).
- (b) Number of Class B Shares as to Which Lavin Has:
- | | | |
|-------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| (i) | Sole power to vote: | 0 |
| (ii) | Shared power to vote: | 5,788,329 ¹ |
| (iii) | Sole power to dispose: | 0 |
| (iv) | Shared power to dispose: | 5,788,329 ¹ |

¹ The 5,788,329 Class B shares held by Lavin and reflected as shared power to vote and shared power to dispose include 2,863,225 shares held by the BEL Trust; 2,645,104 shares held by the LHL Trust; and 280,000 shares held by the Lavin Family Foundation.

Lavin shares the power to vote and dispose of 2,863,225 shares held by the BEL Trust; 2,645,104 shares held by the LHL Trust; and 280,000 shares held by the Lavin Family Foundation with Leonard H. Lavin and Carol L. Bernick. Certain information regarding Mr. Lavin and Mrs. Bernick is presented below:

- (i) Name of Person: (1) Leonard H. Lavin
(2) Carol L. Bernick
- (ii) Address: (1) and 2525 Armitage Avenue
(2) Melrose Park, Illinois 60160
- (iii) Principal Business: (1) Leonard H. Lavin, an individual, is a Director and the Chairman of the Company
(2) Carol L. Bernick, an individual, is a Director, Vice Chairman, Assistant Secretary of the Company and President Alberto Culver Consumer Products Worldwide, a division of the Company.
- (iv) Prior Criminal Convictions: None.

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- (v) Prior Civil Proceedings with
Respect to Federal or State
Securities Laws: None.
- (vi) Citizenship/Organization: U.S. Citizen.

The shares owned by Lavin and the percentage holdings specified herein also do not reflect the 395,378 shares of Class A Common Stock, \$.22 par value per share, of the Company (the Class A shares) held by Lavin Family Foundation, 64 Class A shares held by the BEL Trust, 5,704 Class A shares held by the LHL Trust, or 100,200 and 275,408 Class A shares held by Lavin solely in her capacity as co-trustee of a trust and trustee or co-trustee of trusts respectively, for the benefit of Lavin's daughter and grandchildren.

- (c) None, except as reported in
Item 3 above.
- (d) None.
- (e) Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

None.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

None.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: September 23, 2003

Signature: /s/ Bernice E. Lavin

Name/Title: Bernice E. Lavin, individually; as trustee or co-trustee of various trusts
and as an officer of the Lavin Family Foundation.