

LAVIN BERNICE E  
Form SC 13D/A  
September 25, 2003

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13D**

**Under The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**(Amendment No. 10)\***

ALBERTO-CULVER COMPANY

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(Name of Issuer)

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

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(Title of Class of Securities)

013068200

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(CUSIP Number)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

September 21, 2003

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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Sections 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box. "

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1. Name of Reporting Person, 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 | 275,408**                 |
| OWNED BY     | 8. Shared Voting Power    |
| EACH         |                           |
| REPORTING    | 6,289,675**               |
| PERSON       | 9. Sole Dispositive Power |
| WITH         |                           |
|              | 275,408**                 |

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10. Shared Dispositive Power

6,289,675\*\*

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11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

6,565,083\*\*

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

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

20.37%\*\*

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14. Type of Reporting Person\*

IN

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\* SEE INSTRUCTIONS

\*\* Includes shares of Class B Common Stock, \$.22 par value per share ( Class B shares ), which are immediately convertible at the holder's option on a share-for-share basis into Class A shares.

**Item 1. Security and Issuer.**

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Title of Class of Securities: | Class A common stock, \$.22 par value per share<br>( Class A shares )                   |
| Name and Address of Issuer:   | Alberto-Culver Company (the Company )<br>2525 Armitage Avenue<br>Melrose Park, IL 60160 |

**Item 2. Identity and Background.**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| (a) Name of Person Filing:  | Bernice E. Lavin ( Lavin )   |
| (b) Address:  | c/o Bernice E. Lavin<br>2525 Armitage Avenue<br>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 A shares Beneficially Owned: 6,565,083 shares total; 2,863,225 Class B shares and 64 Class A 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 and 5,704 Class A shares held as co-trustee by the Leonard H. Lavin Trust, u/a/d 12/18/87 (the LHL Trust ); 275,408 Class A shares held as trustee or co-trustee of various trusts for the benefit of her grandchildren; 100,200 Class A shares held as co-trustee of a trust for the benefit of Mrs. Bernick; and 395,378 Class A shares and 280,000 Class B shares held by the Lavin Family Foundation, a charitable private foundation of which Lavin is a Vice President and a Director (the Lavin Family Foundation ).

(ii) Percentage of Class A Shares Beneficially Owned: 20.37% total: 9.77% as co-trustee of the BEL Trust; 9.12% as co-trustee of the LHL Trust; 1.04% as trustee or co-trustee of trusts for the benefit of Lavin's grandchildren; .38% as co-trustee of a trust for the benefit of Mrs. Bernick; and 2.53% by Lavin Family Foundation (based on 26,433,301 Class A shares outstanding as of June 30, 2003).

\*\* Pursuant to Rule 13d-3(d)(1)(i) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the following calculations assume that all Class B shares beneficially owned by Lavin have been converted into Class A shares.

(b) Number of Class A Shares as to Which Lavin Has:

|                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| (i) Sole power to vote:       | 275,408 <sup>1</sup>   |
| (ii) Shared power to vote:    | 6,289,675 <sup>2</sup> |
| (iii) Sole power to dispose:  | 275,408 <sup>1</sup>   |
| (iv) Shared power to dispose: | 6,289,675 <sup>2</sup> |

<sup>1</sup> The 275,408 shares held by Lavin and reflected as sole power to vote and sole power to dispose include 275,408 Class A shares held as trustee or co-trustee of trusts for the benefit of Lavin's grandchildren.

<sup>2</sup> The 6,289,675 shares held by Lavin and reflected as shared power to vote and shared power to dispose include 2,863,225 Class B shares and 64 Class A shares held by the BEL Trust; 2,645,104 Class B shares and 5,704 Class A shares held by the LHL Trust; 395,378 Class A shares and 280,000 Class B shares held by Lavin Family Foundation; and 100,200 Class A shares held as co-trustee of a trust for the benefit of Mrs. Bernick.

Lavin shares the power to vote and dispose of the 2,645,104 Class B shares and 5,704 Class A shares held by the LHL Trust, 2,863,225 Class B shares and the 64 Class A shares held by the BEL Trust and 395,378 Class A shares and 280,000 Class B shares held by Lavin Family Foundation with Leonard H. Lavin and Carol L. Bernick. Lavin shares the power to vote and dispose of the 100,200 Class A shares held in a trust for the benefit of Carol L. Bernick with Mrs. Bernick. Certain information regarding Mr. Lavin and Mrs. Bernick is presented below:

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|-------|---|---------------|--|
| (i)   | Name of Person:   | (1)           | Leonard H. Lavin   |
|       |   | (2)           | Carol L. Bernick   |
| (ii)  | Address:  | (1),(2)       | 2525 Armitage Avenue<br>Melrose Park, Illinois 60160   |
| (iii) | Principal Business:   | (1)           | Leonard H. Lavin, an individual, is a<br>Director and the Chairman of the<br>Company.  |
|       |   | (2)           | Carol L. Bernick, an individual, is a<br>Director, Vice Chairman and Assistant<br>Secretary of the Company, and President<br>Alberto-Culver Consumer Products<br>Worldwide, a division of the Company. |
| (iv)  | Prior Criminal Convictions:   | None.         |  |
| (v)   | Prior Civil Proceedings With<br>Respect to Federal or State<br>Securities Laws: | None.         |  |
| (vi)  | Citizenship/Organization:   | U.S. Citizen. |  |

(c) None, except as described 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.

SIGNATURE

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

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Signature:                     /s/ Bernice E. Lavin

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