

BERNICK CAROL L  
Form SC 13D/A  
November 06, 2003

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13D**

**Under The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**(Amendment No. 17)\***

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)

November 5, 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

Carol L. Bernick

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

(a)

(b)

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3. SEC Use Only

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4. Source of Funds\*

Not applicable

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

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6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

U.S. Citizen

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NUMBER OF 7. Sole Voting Power  
SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 0

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OWNED BY 8. Shared Voting Power  
EACH

REPORTING 0

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PERSON 9. Sole Dispositive Power  
WITH

0

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10. Shared Dispositive Power

0

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11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person\*

0

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

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

0%

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14. Type of Reporting Person\*

IN

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\* See instructions

**Item 1. Security and Issuer.**

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

**Item 2. Identity and Background.**

|     |   |   |
|-----|---|---|
| (a) | Name of Person Filing:  | Carol L. Bernick ( Bernick )  |
| (b) | Address:  | c/o Carol L. Bernick  |
|     |   | 2525 Armitage Avenue  |
|     |   | Melrose Park, IL 60160  |
| (c) | Principal Business:   | Bernick, an individual, is a Director, Vice Chairman and Assistant Secretary of the Company, and President Alberto-Culver Consumer Products Worldwide, a division 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.**

Effective after the close of business on November 5, 2003, all of the issued Class A shares were converted on a one-share-for-one-share basis into shares of Class B common stock, \$.22 par value per share, in accordance with the terms of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation (the Conversion ). Immediately prior to the Conversion, Bernick owned 1,380,175 Class A shares to which she shares voting and investment power with respect to 536,346 Class A Shares.

**Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.**

The transactions were undertaken by the Company. 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.**

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| (a) | (i)  | Amount of Class A Shares Beneficially Owned: None.     |
|     | (ii) | Percentage of Class A Shares Beneficially Owned: None. |

- (b) Number of Class A Shares as to Which Bernick Has:
- |       |                          |   |
|-------|--------------------------|---|
| (i)   | Sole power to vote:      | 0 |
| (ii)  | Shared power to vote:    | 0 |
| (iii) | Sole power to dispose:   | 0 |
| (iv)  | Shared power to dispose: | 0 |
- (c) Contemporaneously with the approval of the Conversion by the Board of Directors of the Company on October 22, 2003, (i) the Leonard H. Lavin Trust, u/a/d 12/18/87 (the LHL Trust ), to which Bernick shares voting and investment power, transferred 1,460,538 Class B shares to the 1947 Limited Partnership (the 1947 Limited Partnership ), to which the LHL Trust shares voting power and has no investment power; (ii) the Bernice E. Lavin Trust, u/a/d 12/18/87 (the BEL Trust ), to which Bernick shares voting and investment power, transferred 1,460,538 Class B shares to the 1947 Limited Partnership, to which the BEL Trust shares voting power and has no investment power, and (iii) the Carol L. Bernick Revocable Trust II, u/a/d 4/17/02 (the Revocable Trust II ), to which Bernick has sole voting and investment power, transferred 2,924 Class B shares to the 1947 Limited Partnership, to which the Revocable Trust II shares voting power and has sole investment power with respect to all of the Class B shares in the 1947 Limited Partnership.
- On October 27, 2003, Mrs. Bernick exercised options to purchase 147,000 Class A shares under the Company's Employee Stock Option Plan of 1988 (the Plan ). As provided under the Plan, she paid for the exercise price by delivering 60,551 Class A shares to the Company and she elected to have the Company withhold 25,458 Class A shares to pay taxes incurred in connection with the exercise.
- (d) None.
- (e) November 5, 2003

**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: November 5, 2003

Signature:           /s/ Carol L. Bernick

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Name/Title:

Carol L. Bernick