STAGE STORES INC Form SC 13G/A February 14, 2008 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D. C. 20549 SCHEDULE 13G (Rule 13d-102) (Amendment No. 3) Stage Stores, Inc. (Name of Issuer) Common Stock 85254c305 (CUSIP Number) December 31, 2007 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement) Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed: [X] Rule 13d-1(b) [ ] Rule 13d-1(c) [ ] Rule 13d-1(d) \*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act.

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1)
    Name of Reporting Person(s)
     I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Person (entities
     only)
     Paradigm Capital Management, Inc.
     14-1770168
_____
2)
    Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group
     (a)_____
     (b)____
    Not Applicable
             _____
3) SEC Use Only
_____
4)
    Citizenship or Place of Organization
    New York
           _____
_____
     NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

(5) Sole Voting Power 1,941,544
(6) Shared Voting Power -0-

(6) Shared voting fourt
(7) Sole Dispositive Power 1,941,544
(8) Shared Dispositive Power-0-

_____
9)
    Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
     1,941,544
      _____
10)
    Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares
    Not Applicable
_____
11)
   Percent of Class Represented by Amount In Row (9)
    4.7%
_____
12) Type of Reporting Person
     ΙA
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Item 1(a)	Name of Issuer:	
	Stage Stores, Inc.	
Item 1(b)	Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:	
	10201 MAIN ST HOUSTON TX 77025	
Item 2(a)	Name of Person Filing:	
	Paradigm Capital Management, Inc.	
Item 2(b)	Address of Principal Business Office:	
	Nine Elk Street, Albany, New York 12207	
Item 2(c)	Citizenship:	
	A New York State Corporation	
Item 2(d)	Title of Class of Securities:	
	Common Stock	
Item 2(e)	Cusip Number:	
	85254c305	
Item 3.	If this statement is filed pursuant to 240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d- (b) or 9c), check whether the person filing is a:	
	<pre>(e) [X] an investment adviser in accordance wit (1)(ii)(E).</pre>	h 240.13d-1(b)
Item 4.	Ownership.	
(a)	Amount beneficially owned: 1,941,544	
(b)	Percent of class: 4.7%	
(C)	Number of shares as to which the person has:	
	(i) Sole power to vote or to direct	the vote:
	1,941,544	
	(ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote:	
	-0-	
	(iii) Sole power to dispose or to dir	ect the disposition

of:

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1,941,544

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

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Item 5. Ownership of 5% or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [X].

Item 6. Ownership of more than 5% on Behalf of Another Person.

All securities reported in this Schedule 13G Report are owned by advisory clients of the Reporting Person.

Not Applicable

Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

Not Applicable

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not Applicable

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not Applicable

Item 10. Certification.

By signing below I (we) certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the Issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

## SIGNATURE

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

Dated: February 14, 2008

PARADIGM CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.

By /s/ John V. Gulick John V. Gulick, Chief Compliance Officer Telephone: (518) 431-3500 - 4 -