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 reported)

October 7, 2004

THE GAP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State of incorporation) 1-7562 (Commission File Number) 94-1697231 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

Two Folsom Street

San Francisco, California (Address of principal executive offices) 94105 (Zip Code)

(650) 952-4400

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On October 7, 2004, The Gap, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing a \$500 million share repurchase program. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated October 7, 2004

SIGNATURES

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.

THE GAP, INC. (Registrant)

Date: October 7, 2004

By: /s/ Byron Pollitt

Byron Pollitt Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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Press Release dated October 7, 2004