FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * STIRITZ WILLIAM P	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC /DE/ [FD]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _X_ Director ___ 10% Owner ___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
(Last) (First) (Middle) 10401 CLAYTON RD, STE 101	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2006	
(Street) ST LOUIS, MO 63131	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		8,000	A	$ 73.10	11,628	D	
Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		6,000	A	$ 73.11	17,628	D	
Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		500	A	$ 73.12	18,128	D	
Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		300	A	$ 73.14	18,428	D	
Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		20,400	A	$ 73.15	38,828	D	
Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		6,900	A	$ 73.16	45,728	D	
Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		8,100	A	$ 73.17	53,828	D	
Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		42,500	A	$ 73.33	96,328	D	
Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		1,200	A	$ 73.37	97,528	D	
Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		11,200	A	$ 73.40	108,728	D	
Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		17,000	A	$ 73.41	125,728	D	
Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		20,400	A	$ 73.42	146,128	D	
Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		4,500	A	$ 43.46	150,628	D	
Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		1,000	A	$ 73.47	151,628	D	
Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		3,000	A	$ 73.50	154,628	D	
Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		9,700	A	$ 73.71	164,328	D	
Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		6,000	A	$ 73.79	170,328	D	
Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		25,800	A	$ 73.80	196,128	D	
Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		5,000	A	$ 73.42	5,000	I	By wife
Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		4,000	A	$ 73.43	9,000	I	By wife
Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		4,500	A	$ 73.44	13,500	I	By wife
Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		36,500	A	$ 73.45	50,000	I	By wife

Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		9,600	A	$73.41	59,600		I	By son
Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		4,300	A	$73.38	63,900		I	By son
Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		1,100	A	$73.36	65,000		I	By son
Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		6,600	A	$73.40	71,600		I	By son
Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		5,400	A	$73.41	77,000		I	By son
Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		3,000	A	$73.33	80,000		I	By son
Common Stock	03/31/2006		P		7,500	A	$73.31	203,628		D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(*e.g.*, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	03/31/2006		A		163		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	163	$ 70.71 (3)	163	D	
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	03/31/2006		A		161		(4)	(4)	Common Stock	161	$ 70.71 (3)	324	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STIRITZ WILLIAM P 10401 CLAYTON RD STE 101 ST LOUIS, MO 63131	X			

Signatures

/s/Padma Tatta Cariappa, as attorney-in-fact for William P. Stiritz pursuant to a Power of Attorney	04/04/2006
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) 1-for-1 conversion.

(2) Units are to be settled in Common Stock upon the Reporting Person's termination from the Board of Directors.

(3) The price noted is the average of the value of the stock units granted each month during the quarter for which this report is filed.

(4) Units are to be received by the Reporting Person upon termination from the Board of Directors.

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