

GREENBRIER COMPANIES INC

Form 8-K

October 08, 2004

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**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 5, 2004

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**THE GREENBRIER COMPANIES, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File No. 1-13146

Delaware  
(State of Incorporation)

93-0816972  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

One Centerpointe Drive, Suite 200, Lake Oswego, OR  
(Address of principal executive offices)

97035  
(Zip Code)

(503) 684-7000  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Former name or former address, if changed since last report: N/A

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

(b) and (c) On October 5, 2004, the Board of Directors of The Greenbrier Companies, Inc. elected Benjamin R. Whiteley, 75, as chairman of its Board of Directors. Mr. Whiteley succeeds Alan James as chairman. Mr. James continues to serve as a director of the Company, but is no longer an employee of the Company.

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein is a copy of the Company's announcement regarding Mr. Whiteley's election as Chairman of the Board.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits:

99.1 Press Release dated October 6, 2004 entitled "Greenbrier elects Benjamin R. Whiteley as Chairman; Board authorizes negotiations to renew William A. Furman's contract as CEO"

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**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 thereunto duly authorized.

**THE GREENBRIER COMPANIES, INC.**

Date: October 8, 2004

By: /s/ Larry G. Brady  
Larry G. Brady  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial and  
Accounting Officer)