

SCHULMAN A INC  
Form 8-K  
January 11, 2006

**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) January 5, 2006

**A. SCHULMAN, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

0-7459

34-0514850

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

3550 West Market Street, Akron, Ohio

44333

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(330) 666-3751

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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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**ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS**

On January 5, 2006, the Board of Directors (the Board ) of A. Schulman, Inc. (the Company ) unanimously appointed David G. Birney as a Director to fill a vacancy on the Board. Mr. Birney was appointed as a Class I director with a term expiring at the 2008 annual meeting of the Company s shareholders. Mr. Birney is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of Solvay America Inc., a Houston based chemicals and plastics company, and plans to retire from those positions on March 31, 2006. At this time, it is not expected that Mr. Birney will be appointed to any committees of the Board.

Mr. Birney was appointed by the Board with the approval of a group of investors led by Barington Capital Group, L.P. (such entities, collectively, the Barington Group ) as contemplated by the Agreement, dated October 21, 2005 (the

Agreement ), by and among the Company and the Barington Group. A copy of the Agreement was attached to a Current Report on Form 8-K filed by the Company on October 24, 2005.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

(c) Exhibits.

| Exhibit Number | Description                            |
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| 99.1           | Press Release, dated January 11, 2006. |

**Signature**

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.

**A. Schulman, Inc.**

By: /s/ Robert A. Stefanko

Robert A. Stefanko  
Vice President Finance and  
Administration

Date: January 11, 2006

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