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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 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) November 28, 2005

POLO RALPH LAUREN CORPORATION

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

DELAWARE

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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-13057

13-2622036

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(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

650 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK

10022

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(212) 318-7000

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

NOT APPLICABLE

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

[ ] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

On November 28, 2005 Steven P. Murphy, President and Chief Executive Officer of Rodale Inc. ("Rodale"), was elected to fill a newly created seat on the Board of Directors of Polo Ralph Lauren Corporation (the "Company"). In accordance with the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, Mr. Murphy was elected to the Board by the directors who were themselves elected by the holders of the Company's publicly traded Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01, at the last annual meeting of stockholders. The number of directors constituting the entire Board of Directors is currently ten.

Steven P. Murphy has served since 2002 as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Rodale Inc., a privately held company which publishes health and gardening magazines, books, and on-line publications. He joined Rodale in 2000 as its President and Chief Operating Officer. Prior to joining Rodale, Mr. Murphy held the position of Executive Vice President and Managing Director for Disney Publishing Worldwide since 1998. From 1991-1998, Mr. Murphy served as President of EMI Music/Angel Records.

It is currently expected that Mr. Murphy will be appointed to the Nominating & Governance Committee of the Board of Directors at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

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.

POLO RALPH LAUREN CORPORATION

Date: December 1, 2005

By: /s/ Tracey T. Travis

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Name: Tracey T. Travis  
Title: Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer