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):

December 12, 2005

GILEAD SCIENCES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of

0-19731 (Commission File Number)

94-3047598 (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

333 LAKESIDE DRIVE, FOSTER CITY, CALIFORNIA

(Address of principal executive offices)

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(Zip Code)

(650) 574-3000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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

SECTION 5 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Princi	pal Officers: Election of Directors:	Appointment of Principal Officers

(d) Appointment of a Director

At a meeting held on December 12, 2005, the board of directors of Gilead Sciences, Inc. (the Company) elected John W. Madigan to the board of directors of the Company effective December 12, 2005.

At this time, no determination has been made as to which, if any, of the board s committees Mr. Madigan will be appointed. A copy of the Company s press release announcing Mr. Madigan s election to the Company s board of directors is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit	
Number	Description
99.1	Press Release, issued by Gilead Sciences, Inc. on December 12, 2005.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

GILEAD SCIENCES, INC.

(Registrant)

/s/ John F. Milligan

John F. Milligan

Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

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