

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 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): November 10, 2004**

**CDW CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant Specified in Charter)

**Illinois**  
(State or Other  
Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**0-21796**  
(Commission File  
Number)

**36-3310735**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**200 N. Milwaukee Ave.**  
**Vernon Hills, Illinois**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**60061**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (847) 465-6000**

(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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange 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.**

(d) On November 10, 2004, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of CDW Corporation (the “Company”), appointed Stephan A. James as a director, effective immediately. Mr. James will serve on the Board’s Compensation and Stock Option Committee. A press release issued by the Company regarding the appointment of Mr. James is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.

**ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
99	Press release dated November 10, 2004, announcing the appointment of Stephan A. James as director

**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.

**CDW CORPORATION**

Dated: November 10, 2004

By: /s/ Barbara A. Klein  
**Name:** Barbara A. Klein  
**Title:** Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX:**

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## EXHIBIT 99

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### STEPHAN A. JAMES ELECTED TO CDW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VERNON HILLS, Ill. – November 10, 2004 – CDW Corporation (NASDAQ: CDWC), a leading provider of technology products and services to business, government, and education, announced today that Stephan A. James was elected to the company’s Board of Directors effective today, November 10, 2004.

James’s election brings the number of directors on the CDW Board to ten, nine of whom, including James, are independent directors. James will serve on the Board’s Compensation and Stock Option Committee.

“Steve’s experience in leading Accenture through a period of tremendous expansion will be valuable to CDW as we seek continued growth,” said John A. Edwardson, chairman and chief executive officer, CDW. “He is an expert in helping large companies use technology to enhance customer service while improving their own productivity and efficiency – all of which are important to CDW and the value we provide to our customers.”

James currently holds the advisory position of International Chairman at Accenture, a global management consulting, technology services, and outsourcing company. He retired from Accenture in August of 2004 after 36 years with the company. Most recently, James served as Chief Operating Officer – Capabilities, and a member of the Office of the CEO. He led Accenture’s Business Consulting and Technology & Outsourcing capability groups, business operations, geographic operations, marketing and communications, and quality. James also was responsible for operational excellence for the entire company.

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Prior to being named COO in 2000, James was managing partner of two of Accenture's operating groups: Resources, where he led the firm's business focused on the energy, chemicals, and utilities industries, and Financial Services, where he was responsible for all business in the banks, insurance and health care industries. He joined Accenture in 1968 and was named partner of the firm in 1979.

James holds a degree in Business Administration with a focus on industrial management and labor relations from the University of Texas. He is a member of the University of Texas McCombs School of Business Advisory Board.

### **About CDW**

CDW® (NASDAQ: CDWC), ranked No. 376 on the FORTUNE 500, is a leading provider of technology products and services for business, government and education. CDW is a principal source of technology from top name brands such as APC, Apple, Cisco, HP, IBM, Microsoft, Sony, Symantec, Toshiba and ViewSonic.

CDW was founded in 1984 today employs approximately 3,700 coworkers. In 2003, the company generated net sales of approximately \$4.7 billion. CDW's direct model offers one-on-one relationships with knowledgeable account managers; purchasing by telephone, fax, the company's award-winning CDW.com Web site, customized CDW@work™ extranets, CDWG.com Web site and macwarehouse.com Web site; custom configured solutions and same day shipping; and pre- and post-sales technical support, with more than 100 factory-trained and A+ certified technicians on staff.

Additional information can be found by visiting [CDW.com](http://CDW.com).

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