FREDS INC Form 4 February 11, 2008

#### FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Naughton Jamie Issuer Symbol FREDS INC [FRED] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify 4300 NEW GETWELL ROAD 02/08/2008 below) below) Sr. VP (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting MEMPHIS, TN 38118 Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Class A  $A^{(1)}$ Common D 02/08/2008 6.000 Α \$0 6,000 Stock

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option on Class A Common Stock	\$ 20.6	05/19/2003		A	1,500	08/20/2008(2)	09/19/2010	Class A Common Stock	1,500
Option on Class A Common Stock	\$ 14.6	09/08/2004		A	4,000	09/08/2009(2)	09/08/2011	Class A Common Stock	4,000
Option on Class A Common Stock	\$ 13.25	03/21/2006		A	2,500	03/21/2011(3)	03/21/2013	Class A Common Stock	2,500

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
·F. · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Naughton Jamie						
4300 NEW GETWELL ROAD			Sr. VP			
MEMPHIS, TN 38118						

# **Signatures**

Anita Ryan by power of attorney

02/11/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Mrs. Naughton received a grant of restricted stock.
- (2) Mrs. Naughton has received stock options that vest 10% the first 4 years and 60% the fifth year.
- (3) Mrs. Naughton has received stock options that vest 20% for the first 5 years.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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