MEDIA GENERAL INC
Form 4
January 31, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BRYAN J STEWART III

(Last) (First) (Middle)

333 E FRANKLIN STREET

(Street)

RICHMOND, VA 23219

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
MEDIA GENERAL INC [MEG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/27/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chairman and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	01/27/2005		A		41,500	A	$ 63.18	512,093 (1)	D	

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)

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 of 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)		8 D S (I
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option	$ 63.18	01/27/2005		A		33,400		(2)	01/27/2015	Class A Common Stock	33,400	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BRYAN J STEWART III 333 E FRANKLIN STREET RICHMOND, VA 23219	X		Chairman and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ J. Stewart Bryan III, by George L. Mahoney, Attorney-in-fact	01/31/2005
**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) Additionally, 535,200 non-derivative Class A common shares are held indirectly; 88,468 Class B common shares are held directly; and 373,000 Class B common shares are held indirectly.

(2) Options granted under 1996 Non-qualified Stock Option Plan, which become exercisable 1/3 per year on January 27, 2006, 2007, and 2008.

(3) Represents January 27, 2005 balance of units acquired under Company deferred compensation plan, final balance of which is distributed upon employee's termination of service.

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