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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): May 3, 2006

Career Education Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

0-23245 36-3932190 **Delaware** (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer File Number) Identification No.) of Incorporation)

> 60195 2895 Greenspoint Parkway, Suite 600, Hoffman Estates, IL (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(847) 781-3600

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On May 2, 2006, the Registrant issued a press release to report that the Third Amended Complaint had been filed in the securities class action litigation against the Registrant. A copy of the Registrant s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and the information contained therein is incorporated herein by reference. The information contained in this Form 8-K, including the exhibit, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and it shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

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class action litigation against the Registrant.

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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.

CAREER EDUCATION CORPORATION

By: /s/ Janice L. Block

Janice L. Block

Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and

Corporate Secretary

Dated: May 3, 2006

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