

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D/A

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
(AMENDMENT NO. 2)

BioCryst Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

09058V 10 3

(CUSIP Number)

William W. Featheringill
c/o Private Capital Corporation
100 Brookwood Place, Suite 410
Birmingham, Alabama 35209
205-879-2722

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

October 21, 1997

(Date of Event which Requires Filing
of this Statement)

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS
WILLIAM W. FEATHERINGILL
2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) []
(b) []
3. SEC USE ONLY
4. SOURCE OF FUNDS*
PF
5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDING IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)
6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
US
- | | | |
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| NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY
REPORTING
PERSON
WITH | 7. SOLE VOTING POWER | 2,181,200(3) |
| | 8. SHARED VOTING POWER | |
| | 9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER | 2,181,200(3) |
| | 10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER | 65,000(1) |
11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
2,203,178(2)(3)(4)
12. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW 11 EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*
13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 11
15%
14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*
IN

- (1) Purchased (3/22/96) and held in the record name of John P.K. Featheringill, under an agency basis subject to option to acquire record ownership. Agent has sole voting power.
- (2) Includes 65,000 shares held in the name of John P.K. Featheringill. See 10 above.
- (3) Includes 299,900 shares held by the Featheringill Family Partnership. Mr. Featheringill is the sole manager of the Featheringill Family Partnership with investment and voting power for such shares.
- (4) Includes options to purchase 21,978 shares.

Item 1. Security and Issuer.

This Statement on Schedule 13D relates to shares of Common Stock, \$0.01 par value (the "Common Stock"), of BioCryst Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"), whose principal executive offices are located at 2190 Parkway Lake Drive, Birmingham, AL 35244.

Item 2. Identity and Background.

Item 2 is hereby amended and restated as follows:

This Statement is filed by William W. Featheringill (the "Reporting Person"). The following sets forth the Reporting Person's name, business address, principal occupation, the name, principal business and address of the corporation or organization in which such occupation is conducted and citizenship.

Name:	William W. Featheringill
Business Address:	Private Capital Corporation 100 Brookwood Place, Suite 410 Birmingham, AL 35209
Principal Occupation:	Investments
Name, Principal Business and Address of Corporation or Organization in which such Occupation is Conducted:	Private Capital Corporation 100 Brookwood Place, Suite 410 Birmingham, AL 35209
Citizenship:	United States

During the five years prior to the date hereof, the Reporting Person has not been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) and (ii) has not been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction, as a result of which such person was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, Federal or State securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Item 3 is hereby amended and restated as follows:

On May 16, 1995, the Reporting Person purchased 1,000,000 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer with personal funds.

On March 22, 1996, the Reporting Person purchased 235,000 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer with personal funds.

On 3/22/96, 65,000 shares of common stock of the Issuer were purchased with personal funds advanced by the Reporting Person and are held in the record name of John P.K. Featheringill, the undersigned's brother, under an agency basis, subject to the option of the undersigned to acquire record ownership. John P.K. Featheringill has sole voting power with respect to said shares.

As of January 5, 1998, the Reporting Person had purchased an additional 581,300 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer with personal funds.

In addition, as of November 21, 1997, the Featheringill Family Partnership had purchased 299,900 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer. The Reporting Person is the sole manager with investment and voting power of the Featheringill Family Partnership.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

Item 4 is hereby amended and restated as follows:

The Reporting Person acquired the shares of Common Stock of the Issuer as an investment in the Issuer.

Although the Reporting Person has not formulated any definitive plans, he may from time to time acquire, or dispose of, Common Stock and/or other securities of the Issuer if and when he deems it appropriate. The Reporting Person may formulate other purposes, plans or proposals relating to any of such securities of the Issuer to the extent deemed advisable in light of market conditions, investment policies and other factors.

Except as indicated in this Schedule 13D, as amended, the Reporting Person currently has no plans or proposals that relate to or would result in any of the matters described in subparagraphs (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Item 5 is hereby amended and restated as follows:

(a) and (b) The Reporting Person beneficially owns 2,203,178 shares of the Common Stock, or 15% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock, of the Issuer. This figure includes 65,000 shares purchased on March 22, 1996 and held in record name John P.K. Featheringill under an agency basis, subject to option to acquire record ownership on behalf of the undersigned. John P.K. Featheringill has sole voting power with respect to said shares. In addition, this figure includes the 299,900 shares acquired by the Featheringill Family Partnership for which the Reporting Person is the sole manager with investment and voting power for such shares. This figure also includes options to purchase 21,978 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer. The Reporting Person has sole power to vote and to dispose of 1,816,300 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer held directly by the Reporting Person.

(c) The Reporting Person acquired 1,000,000 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer on May 16, 1995 for \$5.50 per share directly from the Issuer in a private placement.

The Reporting Person acquired 235,000 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer on March 22, 1996 for \$8.00 per share directly from the Issuer in a private placement.

On 3/22/96, 65,000 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer were purchased from the Issuer with personal funds advanced by the Reporting Person and are held in the record name of John P.K. Featheringill, the undersigned's brother, under an agency basis, subject to the option of the undersigned to acquire record ownership. John P.K. Featheringill has sole voting power with respect to said shares.

The Reporting Person acquired the following 581,300 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer on the following dates for the following prices per share:

	Number of shares	Date	Price per share
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1.	5,000	5/29/97	\$13.004
2.	7,000	7/7/97	12.370
3.	4,000	9/30/97	6.787
4.	4,000	10/01/97	8.000
5.	500	10/07/97	6.818
6.	3,000	10/08/97	7.070
7.	30,000	10/14/97	7.575
8.	23,000	10/15/97	7.512
9.	2,000	10/15/97	7.512
10.	25,000	10/16/97	7.575
11.	2,000	10/17/97	7.575
12.	5,000	10/21/97	7.827
13.	2,000	10/24/97	7.827
14.	12,000	10/27/97	7.701
15.	10,000	10/27/97	7.701
16.	1,000	10/28/97	7.196
17.	5,000	10/29/97	7.575
18.	7,500	10/30/97	7.757
19.	10,000	10/31/97	7.575
20.	1,000	10/31/97	7.448
21.	7,500	11/4/97	7.575
22.	1,800	11/6/97	7.575
23.	3,000	11/7/97	7.701
24.	800	11/7/97	7.448
25.	6,000	11/7/97	7.575
26.	5,000	11/10/97	7.575
27.	7,000	11/10/97	7.575
28.	13,000	11/11/97	7.575
29.	2,500	11/12/97	7.448
30.	22,500	11/12/97	7.575
31.	7,500	11/12/97	7.575
32.	7,000	11/13/97	7.575

33.	12,500	11/14/97	7.475
34.	25,000	11/17/97	7.500
35.	3,000	11/18/97	7.500
36.	15,000	11/18/97	7.500
37.	10,000	11/19/97	7.500
38.	5,000	11/21/97	7.575
39.	10,000	12/1/97	7.087
40.	17,000	12/2/97	7.000
41.	3,000	12/2/97	6.937
42.	10,000	12/2/97	6.944
43.	2,500	12/3/97	6.750
44.	5,000	12/4/97	6.818
45.	23,000	12/5/97	6.776
46.	16,500	12/8/97	6.600
47.	21,500	12/11/97	6.500
48.	11,200	12/12/97	6.568
49.	30,000	12/16/97	6.719
50.	20,000	12/22/97	6.875
51.	5,000	12/23/97	6.875
52.	5,000	12/24/97	6.875
53.	5,000	12/29/97	6.944
54.	10,000	12/29/97	6.875
55.	5,000	12/30/97	6.750
56.	35,000	12/30/97	6.875
57.	1,000	12/31/97	6.500
58.	4,000	12/31/97	6.625
59.	15,000	12/31/97	6.750
60.	1,000	12/31/97	6.813
61.	12,500	1/5/98	7.094

The Featheringill Family Partnership purchased the following 299,900 shares of Common Stock on the following dates for the following prices per share:

1.	180,000	9/26/96	10.000
2.	40,900	10/21/97	7.750
3.	15,000	10/28/97	7.185
4.	11,000	10/28/97	7.185
5.	2,500	10/31/97	7.750
6.	25,000	11/4/97	7.435
7.	5,000	11/14/97	7.497
8.	5,000	11/17/97	7.497
9.	2,000	11/18/97	7.437
10.	5,000	11/20/97	7.685
11.	8,500	11/21/97	7.560

(d) & (e) Inapplicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with respect to Securities of the Issuer.

Item 6 is hereby amended and restated as follows:

The Issuer has granted to the Reporting Person options to purchase 21,978 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer. Other than such options, there is no contract, arrangement, understanding or relationship between the Reporting Person and any other person, with respect to any securities of the Issuer.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

None

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: March 24, 1998

/s/ William W. Featheringill

William W. Featheringill