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May 17, 2004

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

FORM 13F

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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: March 31, 2004

Check here if Amendment ; Amendment Number:

This Amendment (Check only one):  is a restatement.  
 adds new holdings entries.

Institutional Investment Manager:

Name: United Fire & Casualty Company  
Address: 118 Second Ave., S.E.  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52407

Form 13F File Number: 28-6427

The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables, are considered integral parts of this form.

Person Signing this Report on Behalf of the Reporting Manager:

Name: Dianne M. Lyons  
Title: Controller  
Phone: 319-399-5723

Signature, Place and Date of Signing:

/s/ Dianne M. Lyons Cedar Rapids, IA 05-14-2004  
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Dianne M. Lyons

Report Type (Check only one.):

13F HOLDINGS REPORT. (Check here if all holdings of this reporting manager are reported in this report.)

13F NOTICE. (Check here if no holdings reported are in this report, and all holdings are reported by other reporting manager(s).)

13F COMBINATION REPORT. (Check here if a portion of the holdings for this reporting manager are reported in this report and a portion are reported by other reporting manager(s).)

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FORM 13F SUMMARY PAGE

Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers: 0

Form 13F Information Table Entry Total: 71

Form 13F Information Table Value Total: \$ 130,743 (in thousands)

List of Other Included Managers: NONE

FORM 13F INFORMATION TABLE

NAME OF ISSUER	TITLE OF CLASS	CUSIP	VALUE (x \$1000)	SHARES/ PRN AMT	SH/ PRN	PUT/ CALL	INVSTMNT DSCRETN	M
Abbott Laboratories	Common	002824 10 0	6,576	160,000	SH		Sole	
Agilysys Inc	Common	00847J 10 5	2,726	231,187	SH		Sole	
Agilysys Inc	Common	00847J 10 5	570	48,384	SH		Sole	
Alderwoods Group Inc	Common	014383 10 3	399	38,421	SH		Sole	
Alliant Energy Corporation	Common	018802 10 8	1,042	40,000	SH		Sole	
Alliant Energy Corporation	Common	018802 10 8	2,142	82,200	SH		Sole	
ALLTEL Corporation	Common	020039 10 3	499	10,000	SH		Sole	
ALLTEL Corporation	Common	020039 10 3	126	2,518	SH		Sole	
ALLTEL Corporation	Common	020039 82 2	507	10,000	SH		Sole	
Ameren Corporation	Common	023608 20 1	699	25,000	SH		Sole	
American Strategic Inc Port II	Common	030099 10 5	356	25,420	SH		Sole	
Anheuser-Busch Companies Inc	Common	035229 10 3	204	4,000	SH		Sole	
BCE Inc	Common	05534B 10 9	341	16,200	SH		Sole	
BRE Properties Inc	Common	05564E 10 6	618	18,000	SH		Sole	
Bank of America Corporation	Common	060505 10 4	5,669	70,000	SH		Sole	
Bank One Corporation	Common	06423A 10 3	2,385	43,740	SH		Sole	
Bell South Corporation	Common	079860 10 2	443	16,000	SH		Sole	
Bemis Company Inc	Common	081437 10 5	816	31,400	SH		Sole	
Boeing Company	Common	097023 10 5	1,232	30,000	SH		Sole	
Boeing Company	Common	097023 10 5	205	5,000	SH		Sole	
Burlington Northern Santa Fe	Common	12189T 10 4	509	16,158	SH		Sole	
Burlington Resources Inc	Common	122014 10 3	444	6,972	SH		Sole	
Cincinnati Financial Corp	Common	172062 10 1	12,622	290,500	SH		Sole	
Cummins Inc	Common	231021 10 6	292	5,000	SH		Sole	
Cummins Inc	Common	231021 10 6	850	14,545	SH		Sole	
Dean Foods Company	Common	242370 10 4	1,612	48,261	SH		Sole	
Del Monte Foods Co	Common	24522P 10 3	226	20,097	SH		Sole	
Dow Chemical Company	Common	260543 10 3	2,417	60,000	SH		Sole	
Duke Energy Corporation	Common	264399 10 6	1,808	80,000	SH		Sole	
Duquesne Light Holdings Inc	Common	266233 10 5	975	50,000	SH		Sole	
Emerson Electric Co	Common	291011 10 4	377	6,300	SH		Sole	
Exxon Mobil Corporation	Common	30231G 10 2	1,664	40,000	SH		Sole	
Federal Signal Corporation	Common	313855 10 8	1,486	74,864	SH		Sole	
Fidelity National Financial In	Common	316326 10 7	719	18,158	SH		Sole	
Arthur J Gallagher & Co	Common	363576 10 9	336	10,321	SH		Sole	
General Electric Company	Common	369604 10 3	6,409	210,000	SH		Sole	
Greater Bay Bancorp	Common	391648 10 2	585	20,000	SH		Sole	
H J Heinz Company	Common	423074 10 3	1,678	45,000	SH		Sole	
Honeywell International Inc	Common	438516 10 6	846	25,000	SH		Sole	

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Intel Corporation	Common	458140	10 0	272	10,000	SH	Sole
Johnson & Johnson	Common	478160	10 4	1,522	30,000	SH	Sole
Newell Rubbermaid Inc	Common	651229	10 6	830	35,766	SH	Sole
Nicor Inc	Common	654086	10 7	1,057	30,000	SH	Sole
Ohio Casualty Corporation	Common	677240	10 3	200	10,000	SH	Sole
Old Republic International Cor	Common	680223	10 4	4,169	169,752	SH	Sole
Penford Corporation	Common	707051	10 8	333	20,000	SH	Sole
Penwest Pharmaceuticals Co.	Common	709754	10 5	438	30,000	SH	Sole
PepsiCo Inc	Common	713448	10 8	1,077	20,000	SH	Sole
Piper Jaffray Cos	Common	724078	10 0	418	7,722	SH	Sole
Piper Jaffray Cos	Common	724078	10 0	33	607	SH	Sole
Procter & Gamble Company	Common	742718	10 9	2,937	28,000	SH	Sole
Progress Energy Inc	Common	743263	10 5	901	19,131	SH	Sole
QCR Holdings Inc	Common	74727A	10 4	1,318	45,454	SH	Sole
Royal Dutch Petroleum Company	Common	780257	80 4	952	20,000	SH	Sole
SBC Communications Inc	Common	78387G	10 3	1,938	78,960	SH	Sole
SAFECO Corporation	Common	786429	10 0	1,725	40,000	SH	Sole
SAFECO Corporation	Common	786429	10 0	282	6,550	SH	Sole
Schering-Plough Corporation	Common	806605	10 1	162	10,000	SH	Sole
Sempra Energy	Common	816851	20 8	730	25,000	SH	Sole
Shopko Stores Inc	Common	824911	10 1	292	20,000	SH	Sole
TXU Corporation	Common	873168	10 8	860	30,000	SH	Sole
TPG NV	Common	892339	10 2	85	4,034	SH	Sole
U S Bancorp	Common	902973	30 4	20,973	758,500	SH	Sole
U S Bancorp	Common	902973	30 4	1,681	60,784	SH	Sole
Vectren Corporation	Common	92240G	10 1	658	26,658	SH	Sole
Verizon Communications Inc	Common	92343V	10 4	585	16,000	SH	Sole
Verizon Communications Inc	Common	92343V	10 4	754	20,648	SH	Sole
Wachovia Corporation	Common	929903	10 2	1,410	30,008	SH	Sole
Wells Fargo & Company	Common	949746	10 1	6,640	117,176	SH	Sole
Wintrust Financial Corporation	Common	97650W	10 8	11,210	230,523	SH	Sole
Xcel Energy, Inc.	Common	98389B	10 0	891	50,000	SH	Sole

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Report Summary

71 Data Records

\$ 130,743

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