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Form 8-K  
April 15, 2004

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report: April 15, 2004

BUTLER MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Butler Manufacturing Company  
1540 Genessee Street  
P.O. Box 419917  
Kansas City, Missouri 64102  
Phone (816) 968-3000

Incorporated in the State of Delaware

Commission File No. 001-12335

I.R.S. Employer Identification Number: 44-0188420

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On April 15, 2004, Butler Manufacturing Company, a Delaware corporation ("Butler"), filed a press release concerning an unsolicited proposal received by Butler on April 13, 2004 by Robertson-Ceco Corporation in connection with an acquisition of Butler. Butler's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 7. EXHIBITS

99.1 Press Release of Butler Manufacturing Company dated April 15, 2004.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

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Date

/s/ John W. Huey

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John W. Huey  
Vice President, General Counsel  
and Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press release date April 15, 2004 - Butler Manufacturing Company  
Evaluates Proposal from Robertson-Ceco Corporation