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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

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 | INVTMNT DCRETN | 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 |

Report Summary

71 Data Records

\$ 130,743

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