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July 28, 2004

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

FORM 13F

FORM 13F COVER PAGE

Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: June 30, 2004

Check here if Amendment [ ]; Amendment Number:

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[ ] 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 07/27/04  
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Dianne M. Lyons

Report Type (Check only one.):

[X] 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).)

FORM 13F SUMMARY PAGE

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Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers: 0

Form 13F Information Table Entry Total: 71

Form 13F Information Table Value Total: \$133,055 (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	INVSTM DSCRE
Abbott Laboratories	Common	002824100	6,522	160,000	SH		Sole
Agilysys Inc	Common	00847J105	3,188	231,187	SH		Sole
Agilysys Inc	Common	00847J105	667	48,384	SH		Sole
Alderwoods Group Inc	Common	014383103	469	38,421	SH		Sole
Alliant Energy Corporation	Common	018802108	1,043	40,000	SH		Sole
Alliant Energy Corporation	Common	018802108	2,144	82,200	SH		Sole
ALLTEL Corporation	Common	020039103	506	10,000	SH		Sole
ALLTEL Corporation	Common	020039103	127	2,518	SH		Sole
American Strategic Inc Port II	Common	030099105	324	25,420	SH		Sole
Anheuser-Busch Companies Inc	Common	035229103	216	4,000	SH		Sole
BCE Inc	Common	05534B109	325	16,200	SH		Sole
BRE Properties Inc	Common	05564E106	626	18,000	SH		Sole
Bank of America Corporation	Common	060505104	5,923	70,000	SH		Sole
Bank One Corporation	Common	06423A103	2,231	43,740	SH		Sole
Bell South Corporation	Common	079860102	420	16,000	SH		Sole
Bemis Company Inc	Common	081437105	887	31,400	SH		Sole
Boeing Company	Common	097023105	1,533	30,000	SH		Sole
Boeing Company	Common	097023105	255	5,000	SH		Sole
Burlington Northern Santa Fe	Common	12189T104	567	16,158	SH		Sole
Burlington Resources Inc	Common	122014103	504	13,944	SH		Sole
Cincinnati Financial Corp	Common	172062101	12,643	290,500	SH		Sole
Cummins Inc	Common	231021106	313	5,000	SH		Sole
Cummins Inc	Common	231021106	909	14,545	SH		Sole
Dean Foods Company	Common	242370104	1,801	48,261	SH		Sole
Del Monte Foods Co	Common	24522P103	204	20,097	SH		Sole
Dow Chemical Company	Common	260543103	2,442	60,000	SH		Sole
Duke Energy Corporation	Common	264399106	1,995	98,344	SH		Sole
Duquesne Light Holdings Inc	Common	266233105	966	50,000	SH		Sole
Emerson Electric Co	Common	291011104	400	6,300	SH		Sole
Exxon Mobil Corporation	Common	30231G102	1,776	40,000	SH		Sole
Federal Signal Corporation	Common	313855108	1,393	74,864	SH		Sole
Fidelity National Financial In	Common	316326107	678	18,158	SH		Sole
Arthur J Gallagher & Co	Common	363576109	314	10,321	SH		Sole
General Electric Company	Common	369604103	6,804	210,000	SH		Sole
Greater Bay Bancorp	Common	391648102	578	20,000	SH		Sole
H J Heinz Company	Common	423074103	1,764	45,000	SH		Sole
Honeywell International Inc	Common	438516106	916	25,000	SH		Sole
Hospira Inc	Common	441060100	442	16,000	SH		Sole
Intel Corporation	Common	458140100	276	10,000	SH		Sole
Johnson & Johnson	Common	478160104	1,671	30,000	SH		Sole
Keycorp	Common	493267108	747	25,000	SH		Sole

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Newell Rubbermaid Inc	Common	651229106	841	35,766	SH	Sole
Nicor Inc	Common	654086107	1,359	40,000	SH	Sole
Ohio Casualty Corporation	Common	677240103	201	10,000	SH	Sole
Old Republic International Cor	Common	680223104	4,027	169,752	SH	Sole
Penford Corporation	Common	707051108	351	20,000	SH	Sole
Penwest Pharmaceuticals Co.	Common	709754105	384	30,000	SH	Sole
PepsiCo Inc	Common	713448108	1,078	20,000	SH	Sole
Piper Jaffray Cos	Common	724078100	349	7,722	SH	Sole
Piper Jaffray Cos	Common	724078100	27	607	SH	Sole
Procter & Gamble Company	Common	742718109	3,049	56,000	SH	Sole
Progress Energy Inc	Common	743263105	843	19,131	SH	Sole
Progress Energy Inc	Common	743263AA3	5	15,000	SH	Sole
QCR Holdings Inc	Common	74727A104	831	45,454	SH	Sole
Royal Dutch Petroleum Company	Common	780257804	1,033	20,000	SH	Sole
SBC Communications Inc	Common	78387G103	1,915	78,960	SH	Sole
SAFECO Corporation	Common	786429100	1,760	40,000	SH	Sole
SAFECO Corporation	Common	786429100	288	6,550	SH	Sole
Schering-Plough Corporation	Common	806605101	185	10,000	SH	Sole
Shopko Stores Inc	Common	824911101	283	20,000	SH	Sole
TXU Corporation	Common	873168108	1,215	30,000	SH	Sole
TPG NV	Common	892339102	93	4,034	SH	Sole
U S Bancorp	Common	902973304	20,904	758,500	SH	Sole
U S Bancorp	Common	902973304	1,675	60,784	SH	Sole
Vectren Corporation	Common	92240G101	669	26,658	SH	Sole
Verizon Communications Inc	Common	92343V104	579	16,000	SH	Sole
Verizon Communications Inc	Common	92343V104	747	20,648	SH	Sole
Wachovia Corporation	Common	929903102	1,335	30,008	SH	Sole
Wells Fargo & Company	Common	949746101	6,706	117,176	SH	Sole
Wintrust Financial Corporation	Common	97650W108	11,644	230,523	SH	Sole
Xcel Energy, Inc.	Common	98389B100	1,170	70,000	SH	Sole

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Report Summary

71 Data Records

\$133,055

0 other manag