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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: September 30, 2003

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 11-12-03

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: 116

Form 13F Information Table Value Total: \$ 114,652 (in thousands)

List of Other Included Managers: NONE

| NAME OF ISSUER | TITLE OF CLASS | CUSIP | VALUE (x \$1000) | SHARES/ PRN AMT | SH/ PRN | PUT/ CALL | INVTMNT DSCRETN |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|
| AOL Time Warner Inc. | Common | 00184A-10-5 | 79 | 5,000 | | | Defined |
| AOL Time Warner Inc. | Common | 00184A-10-5 | 30 | 2,000 | | | Defined |
| AT&T Wireless Services Inc. | Common | 00209A-10-6 | 17 | 2,000 | | | Defined |
| Abbott Laboratories | Common | 002824-10-0 | 6,808 | 160,000 | | | Sole |
| Alderwoods Group Inc | Common | 014383-10-3 | 300 | 38,421 | | | Sole |
| Allegheny Energy Inc. | Common | 017361-10-6 | 45 | 5,000 | | | Defined |
| Alliant Energy Corporation | Common | 018802-10-8 | 152 | 6,900 | | | Defined |
| Alliant Energy Corporation | Common | 018802-10-8 | 2,688 | 122,200 | | | Sole |
| ALLTEL Corporation | Common | 020039-10-3 | 580 | 12,518 | | | Sole |
| American Express Co. | Common | 025816-10-9 | 164 | 3,650 | | | Defined |
| American Express Co. | Common | 025816-10-9 | 46 | 1,000 | | | Defined |
| American Express Co. | Common | 025816-10-9 | 23 | 500 | | | Defined |
| American Strategic inc.Port II | Common | 030099-10-5 | 333 | 25,420 | | | Sole |
| Anheuser-Busch Companies Inc | Common | 035229-10-3 | 197 | 4,000 | | | Sole |
| Applied Materials Inc. | Common | 038222-10-5 | 138 | 7,600 | | | Defined |
| Automatic Data Processing | Common | 053015-10-3 | 133 | 3,700 | | | Defined |
| BCE Inc. | Common | 05534B-10-9 | 354 | 16,200 | | | Sole |
| BRE Properties Inc. | Common | 05564E-10-6 | 594 | 18,000 | | | Sole |
| Bank of America Corporation | Common | 060505-10-4 | 4,682 | 60,000 | | | Sole |
| Bank One Corporation | Common | 06423A-10-3 | 1,691 | 43,740 | | | Sole |
| Bell South Corporation | Common | 079860-10-2 | 379 | 16,000 | | | Sole |
| Bemis Company Inc. | Common | 081437-10-5 | 696 | 15,700 | | | Sole |
| Boeing Company | Common | 097023-10-5 | 1,202 | 35,000 | | | Sole |
| Burlington Northern Santa Fe | Common | 12189T-10-4 | 466 | 16,158 | | | Sole |
| Burlington Resources Inc | Common | 122014-10-3 | 336 | 6,972 | | | Sole |
| CH Energy Group, Inc. | Common | 12541M-10-2 | 22 | 500 | | | Defined |
| CMS Energy Corp. | Common | 125896-10-0 | 38 | 5,000 | | | Defined |
| CVS Corp Delaware | Common | 126650-10-0 | 154 | 4,950 | | | Defined |
| Cardinal Health Inc. | Common | 14149Y-10-8 | 156 | 2,675 | | | Defined |
| Cincinnati Bell | Common | 171871-10-6 | 27 | 5,000 | | | Defined |
| Cincinnati Financial Corp. | Common | 172062-10-1 | 11,620 | 290,500 | | | Sole |
| Citigroup Inc. | Common | 172967-10-1 | 166 | 3,650 | | | Defined |
| Cummins Inc. | Common | 231021-10-6 | 868 | 19,545 | | | Sole |
| DQE Inc. | Common | 23329J-10-4 | 550 | 35,000 | | | Sole |
| Dana Corp. | Common | 235811-10-6 | 47 | 3,000 | | | Defined |
| Dean Foods Company | Common | 242370-10-4 | 1,498 | 48,261 | | | Sole |
| Del Monte Foods Co. | Common | 24522P-10-3 | 43 | 5,000 | | | Defined |
| Del Monte Foods Co. | Common | 24522P-10-3 | 175 | 20,097 | | | Sole |
| Dow Chemical Company | Common | 260543-10-3 | 1,952 | 60,000 | | | Sole |
| Dreyers Grand Ice Cream Hldg | Common | 261878-10-2 | 78 | 1,000 | | | Defined |
| Duke Energy Corp. | Common | 264399-10-6 | 36 | 2,000 | | | Defined |

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| Duke Energy Corporation | Common | 264399-10-6 | 1,425 | 80,000 | Sole |
| Emerson Electric Co. | Common | 291011-10-4 | 332 | 6,300 | Sole |
| Exxon Mobil Corporation | Common | 30231G-10-2 | 145 | 3,950 | Defined |
| Exxon Mobil Corporation | Common | 30231G-10-2 | 1,464 | 40,000 | Sole |
| Fannie Mae | Common | 313586-10-9 | 165 | 2,350 | Defined |
| Federal Signal Corporation | Common | 313855-10-8 | 1,115 | 74,864 | Sole |
| Ferro Corp. | Common | 315405-10-0 | 65 | 3,000 | Defined |
| Fidelity National Information | Common | 31620P-10-9 | 494 | 19,890 | Sole |
| First Data Corp. | Common | 319963-10-4 | 160 | 4,000 | Defined |
| Fisher Communications Inc. | Common | 337756-20-9 | 23 | 500 | Defined |
| Fisher Communications Inc. | Common | 337756-20-9 | 18 | 400 | Defined |
| Arthur J Gallagher & Co. | Common | 363576-10-9 | 292 | 10,321 | Sole |
| General Elec Co. | Common | 369604-10-3 | 159 | 5,350 | Defined |
| General Electric Company | Common | 369604-10-3 | 6,260 | 210,000 | Sole |
| Genuine Parts Co. | Common | 372460-10-5 | 48 | 1,500 | Defined |
| Greater Bay Bancorp | Common | 391648-10-2 | 416 | 20,000 | Sole |
| H J Heinz Company | Common | 423074-10-3 | 1,543 | 45,000 | Sole |
| Hewlett Packard Co. | Common | 428236-10-3 | 154 | 7,949 | Defined |
| Home Depot Inc | Common | 437076-10-2 | 151 | 4,750 | Defined |
| Honeywell International Inc. | Common | 438516-10-6 | 142 | 5,400 | Defined |
| Honeywell International Inc. | Common | 438516-10-6 | 27 | 1,000 | Defined |
| Honeywell International Inc. | Common | 438516-10-6 | 659 | 25,000 | Sole |
| Intel Corporation | Common | 458140-10-0 | 155 | 5,650 | Defined |
| Intel Corporation | Common | 458140-10-0 | 275 | 10,000 | Sole |
| J P Morgan Chase & Co. | Common | 46625h-10-0 | 154 | 4,500 | Defined |
| Johnson & Johnson | Common | 478160-10-4 | 154 | 3,100 | Defined |
| Johnson & Johnson | Common | 478160-10-4 | 495 | 10,000 | Sole |
| Liberty Media Corp. Series A | Common | 530718-10-5 | 101 | 10,000 | Defined |
| Lin TV Corp. | Common | 532774-10-6 | 43 | 2,000 | Defined |
| Merrill Lynch & Co Inc. | Common | 590188-10-8 | 150 | 2,800 | Defined |
| MetLife Inc. | Common | 59156R-10-8 | 333 | 11,880 | Sole |
| Motorola Inc. | Common | 620076-10-9 | 717 | 60,000 | Sole |
| Newell Rubbermaid Inc. | Common | 651229-10-6 | 775 | 35,766 | Sole |
| Nicor Inc. | Common | 654086-10-7 | 1,054 | 30,000 | Sole |
| NiSource Inc. | Common | 65473P-10-5 | 114 | 5,700 | Sole |

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| Nokia Corp. | Common | 654902-20-4 | 144 | 9,200 | | | Defined |
| Nstar | Common | 67019E-10-7 | 24 | 500 | | | Defined |
| Officemax Inc. | Common | 67622M-10-8 | 95 | 10,000 | | | Defined |
| Ohio Casualty Corporation | Common | 677240-10-3 | 145 | 10,000 | | | Sole |
| Old Republic International Cor | Common | 680223-10-4 | 3,414 | 103,168 | | | Sole |
| Penford Corporation | Common | 707051-10-8 | 260 | 20,000 | | | Sole |
| Penwest Pharmaceuticals Co. | Common | 709754-10-5 | 653 | 30,000 | | | Sole |
| PepsiCo Inc. | Common | 713448-10-8 | 917 | 20,000 | | | Sole |
| Pfizer | Common | 717081-10-3 | 147 | 4,850 | | | Defined |
| Procter & Gamble Company | Common | 742718-10-9 | 2,599 | 28,000 | | | Sole |
| Progress Energy Inc. | Common | 743263-10-5 | 851 | 19,131 | | | Sole |
| Pulitzer Inc. | Common | 745769-10-9 | 27 | 500 | | | Defined |
| Pulitzer Inc. | Common | 745769-10-9 | 15 | 300 | | | Defined |
| QCR Holdings Inc. | Common | 74727A-10-4 | 1,023 | 45,454 | | | Sole |
| SBC Communications Inc. | Common | 78387G-10-3 | 1,757 | 78,960 | | | Sole |
| SAFECO Corporation | Common | 786429-10-0 | 1,646 | 46,550 | | | Sole |

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| St Paul Companies Inc. | Common | 792860-10-8 | 806 | 21,774 | Sole |
| Schering-Plough Corporation | Common | 806605-10-1 | 149 | 9,750 | Defined |
| Schering-Plough Corporation | Common | 806605-10-1 | 152 | 10,000 | Sole |
| Shopko Stores Inc | Common | 824911-10-1 | 300 | 20,000 | Sole |
| Sprint Corp. PCS | Common | 852061-50-6 | 42 | 7,000 | Defined |
| TXU Corporation | Common | 873168-10-8 | 707 | 30,000 | Sole |
| Texas Instruments | Common | 882508-10-4 | 141 | 6,175 | Defined |
| Thomas Inds. Inc. | Common | 884425-10-9 | 14 | 500 | Defined |
| Titan Corp. | Common | 888266-10-3 | 62 | 3,000 | Defined |
| TPG NV | Common | 892339-10-2 | 77 | 4,034 | Sole |
| Tribune Co. | Common | 896047-10-7 | 24 | 500 | Defined |
| US Bancorp | Common | 902973-30-4 | 150 | 6,250 | Defined |
| US Bancorp | Common | 902973-30-4 | 19,984 | 833,034 | Sole |
| United States Cellular Corp. | Common | 911684-10-8 | 60 | 2,000 | Defined |
| United States Cellular Corp. | Common | 911684-90-8 | 59 | 2,000 | Defined |
| Vectren Corporation | Common | 92240G-10-1 | 630 | 26,658 | Sole |
| Verizon Communications Inc | Common | 92343V-10-4 | 1,189 | 36,648 | Sole |
| Viacom Inc. | Common | 925524-10-0 | 38 | 1,000 | Defined |
| Wachovia Corporation | Common | 929903-10-2 | 1,236 | 30,008 | Sole |
| Wells Fargo & Company | Common | 949746-10-1 | 6,035 | 117,176 | Sole |
| Wintrust Financial Corporation | Common | 97650W-10-8 | 8,714 | 230,523 | Sole |
| Wyeth Corp | Common | 983024-10-0 | 157 | 3,400 | Defined |
| Xcel Energy, Inc. | Common | 98389B-10-0 | 774 | 50,000 | Sole |
| Young Broadcasting Inc. | Common | 987434-10-7 | 95 | 5,000 | Defined |

Report Summary

116 Data Records

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0 other managers