FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of CROATTICY | 1 0 | 1 | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol UNIFIRST CORP [UNF] | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issue (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | |
|--|--------------------|---------|--|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 68 JONSPIN ROAD | | Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/14/2004 | Х | Officer (give title below) Executive VP & | Other (specify below) 2 Treasurer | | | |
| (Street) WILMINGTON M (City) (S | ILMINGTON MA 01887 | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Disposed O and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------|--|--|---|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (1150.4) | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock/\$.10 Par Value | 05/14/2004 | | S | | 600 | D | \$27.31 | 244,520 | D | |
| Common Stock/\$.10 Par Value | 05/14/2004 | | S | | 300 | D | \$27.35 | 244,220 | D | |
| Common Stock/\$.10 Par Value | 05/14/2004 | | S | | 600 | D | \$27.4 | 243,620 | D | |
| Common Stock/\$.10 Par Value | 05/14/2004 | | S | | 300 | D | \$27.47 | 243,320 | D | |
| Common Stock/\$.10 Par Value | 05/14/2004 | | S | | 200 | D | \$27.52 | 243,120 | D | |
| Common Stock/\$.10 Par Value | 05/14/2004 | | S | | 900 | D | \$27.6 | 242,220 | D | |
| Common Stock/\$.10 Par Value | 05/14/2004 | | S | | 300 | D | \$27.65 | 241,920 | D | |
| Common Stock/\$.10 Par Value | 05/14/2004 | | S | | 600 | D | \$27.7 | 241,320 | D | |
| Common Stock/\$.10 Par Value | 05/14/2004 | | S | | 300 | D | \$27.75 | 241,020 | D | |

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| | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transact Code (In 8) | | 5. Number on of | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

Cynthia Croatti, by power of 05/17/2004

attorney

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

 * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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