FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* Cohen Albert						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol UNIFIRST CORP [UNF]										Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner						
(Last)		,	(Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/16/2004									Office	Officer (give title below)		Other (s				
68 JONSPIN ROAD							4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) WILMIN	/ILMINGTON MA 01887															X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)		(State)	(Zip)																			
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction 3. Transaction 4. Securities Acquired (A) or 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature																					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day)						Exe if a	. Deemed ecution Date, any onth/Day/Year)		Code (lı		ion Dispo		sed Of (Securiti Benefic Owned	es ially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
										Code	v	Amoui	mount (A) or (D)		Price				r. 4)	(Instr. 4)		
	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 Exercis Price of Derivative Security	e (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deer Executio if any (Month/I		4. Transact Code (In 8)					6. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			nnd 7. Title and Am of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)		curity	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	у	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership		
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Da Ex	ite ercisable	Exp	iration e	Title	0 N	Amount or Number of Shares							
Common stock option (right to buy)	\$27.44	01/16/2004			A		500		01	1/16/2004	01/1	16/2014	Comn stock/\$ par va	0.10	500	\$0	500		D			

Explanation of Responses:

Albert Cohen

 $\underline{10/04/2004}$

** 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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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