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October 29, 2008

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, 2008

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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: Vice President & Chief Financial Officer  
Phone: 319-399-5723

Signature, Place and Date of Signing:

/s/ Dianne M. Lyons Cedar Rapids, IA 10/29/2008  
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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).)

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FORM 13F SUMMARY PAGE

Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers: 0

Form 13F Information Table Entry Total: 65

Form 13F Information Table Value Total: \$155,067 (in thousands)

List of Other Included Managers: NONE

FORM 13F INFORMATION TABLE

| NAME OF ISSUER                 | TITLE OF CLASS | CUSIP     | VALUE<br>(x \$1000) | SHARES/<br>PRN AMT | SH/<br>PRN | PUT/<br>CALL | INVSTMNT<br>DSCRETN | OTHER<br>MANAGERS |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| AT&T Inc                       | Common         | 00206R102 | 2,796               | 100,160            | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| Abbott Laboratories            | Common         | 002824100 | 10,077              | 175,000            | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| Agilysys Inc                   | Common         | 00847J105 | 3,407               | 337,666            | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| Alliant Energy Corporation     | Common         | 018802108 | 3,936               | 122,200            | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| American Strategic Inc Port II | Common         | 030099105 | 240                 | 25,420             | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| Anheuser-Busch Companies Inc   | Common         | 035229103 | 260                 | 4,000              | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| BCE Inc                        | Common         | 05534B760 | 515                 | 14,823             | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| BRE Properties Inc             | Common         | 05564E106 | 882                 | 18,000             | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| Bank of America Corporation    | Common         | 060505104 | 4,900               | 140,000            | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| Bemis Company Inc              | Common         | 081437105 | 823                 | 31,400             | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| Boeing Company                 | Common         | 097023105 | 3,728               | 65,000             | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| Burlington Northern Santa Fe   | Common         | 12189T104 | 1,493               | 16,158             | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| Cincinnati Financial Corp      | Common         | 172062101 | 9,109               | 320,276            | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| ConocoPhillips                 | Common         | 20825C104 | 737                 | 10,059             | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| Cummins Inc                    | Common         | 231021106 | 3,418               | 78,180             | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| Dean Foods Company             | Common         | 242370104 | 1,127               | 48,261             | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| Deere & Company                | Common         | 244199105 | 990                 | 20,000             | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| Del Monte Foods Co             | Common         | 24522P103 | 157                 | 20,097             | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| Dow Chemical Company           | Common         | 260543103 | 5,403               | 170,000            | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| Duke Energy Corporation        | Common         | 26441C105 | 2,583               | 148,192            | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| Emerson Electric Co            | Common         | 291011104 | 514                 | 12,600             | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| Exxon Mobil Corporation        | Common         | 30231G102 | 3,106               | 40,000             | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| FairPoint Communications       | Common         | 305560104 | 9                   | 1,054              | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| Federal-Mogul Corporation      | Common         | 313549404 | 859                 | 68,457             | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| Fidelity National Information  | Common         | 31620M106 | 180                 | 9,758              | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| Fidelity NationalFinancial Inc | Common         | 31620R105 | 326                 | 22,201             | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| Arthur J Gallagher & Co        | Common         | 363576109 | 265                 | 10,321             | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| General Electric Company       | Common         | 369604103 | 7,013               | 275,000            | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| Great Plains Energy Inc        | Common         | 391164100 | 440                 | 19,787             | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| H J Heinz Company              | Common         | 423074103 | 2,249               | 45,000             | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| Honeywell International Inc    | Common         | 438516106 | 1,454               | 35,000             | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| Hospira Inc                    | Common         | 441060100 | 611                 | 16,000             | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| IDEARC INC                     | Common         | 451663108 | 3                   | 2,799              | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| Intel Corporation              | Common         | 458140100 | 749                 | 40,000             | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co            | Common         | 46625H100 | 2,696               | 57,736             | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |
| Johnson & Johnson              | Common         | 478160104 | 2,078               | 30,000             | SH         |              | Sole                |                   |

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|--------------------------------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|----|------|
| Lender Processing Services Inc | Common | 52602E102 | 149    | 4,879   | SH | Sole |
| Medtronic Inc                  | Common | 585055106 | 501    | 10,000  | SH | Sole |
| Mirant Corporation             | Common | 60467R100 | 518    | 28,342  | SH | Sole |
| Newell Rubbermaid Inc          | Common | 651229106 | 790    | 45,766  | SH | Sole |
| Nicor Inc                      | Common | 654086107 | 1,774  | 40,000  | SH | Sole |
| Old Republic International Cor | Common | 680223104 | 3,247  | 254,690 | SH | Sole |
| Owens Corning Inc              | Common | 690742101 | 4,797  | 200,644 | SH | Sole |
| Penwest Pharmaceuticals Co.    | Common | 709754105 | 62     | 30,000  | SH | Sole |
| PepsiCo Inc                    | Common | 713448108 | 1,425  | 20,000  | SH | Sole |
| Pfizer Inc                     | Common | 717081103 | 738    | 40,000  | SH | Sole |
| Piper Jaffray Cos              | Common | 724078100 | 360    | 8,329   | SH | Sole |
| Procter & Gamble Company       | Common | 742718109 | 5,296  | 76,000  | SH | Sole |
| Progress Energy Inc            | Common | 743263105 | 825    | 19,131  | SH | Sole |
| QCR Holdings Inc               | Common | 74727A104 | 1,106  | 83,181  | SH | Sole |
| Royal Dutch Shell ADR          | Common | 780259206 | 1,770  | 30,000  | SH | Sole |
| Schering-Plough Corporation    | Common | 806605101 | 185    | 10,000  | SH | Sole |
| Schlumberger Limited           | Common | 806857108 | 1,562  | 20,000  | SH | Sole |
| Spectra Energy Corporation     | Common | 847560109 | 1,763  | 74,096  | SH | Sole |
| Terra Industries Inc.          | Common | 880915103 | 940    | 31,969  | SH | Sole |
| Treehouse Foods Inc            | Common | 89469A104 | 287    | 9,652   | SH | Sole |
| UAL Corporation                | Common | 902549807 | 120    | 13,678  | SH | Sole |
| U S Bancorp                    | Common | 902973304 | 26,935 | 747,784 | SH | Sole |
| Vectren Corporation            | Common | 92240G101 | 742    | 26,658  | SH | Sole |
| Verizon Communications Inc     | Common | 92343V104 | 1,797  | 55,997  | SH | Sole |
| Wells Fargo & Company          | Common | 949746101 | 9,386  | 250,086 | SH | Sole |
| Windstream Corporation         | Common | 97381W104 | 142    | 12,942  | SH | Sole |
| Wintrust Financial Corporation | Common | 97650W108 | 6,766  | 230,523 | SH | Sole |
| Xcel Energy, Inc.              | Common | 98389B100 | 1,799  | 90,000  | SH | Sole |
| Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd     | Common | G62185106 | 152    | 9,189   | SH | Sole |

Report Summary

Data Records 65

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