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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

March 30, 2005

UniFirst Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Massachusetts

1-8504

04-2103460

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

68 Jonspin Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts

01887

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(978)658-8888

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On March 30, 2005, UniFirst Corporation issued a press release ("Press Release") announcing financial results for the second quarter and first half of fiscal 2005, which ended February 26, 2005. A copy of the Press Release is attached as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Such information, including the exhibits attached hereto, shall not be deemed filed for any purpose, including for purposes of, Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 on the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99: Press release dated March 30, 2005

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

March 30, 2005

UniFirst Corporation

By: */s/ Ronald D. Croatti*

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*Name: Ronald D. Croatti  
Title: Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and  
President*

March 30, 2005

UniFirst Corporation

By: */s/ John B. Bartlett*

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*Name: John B. Bartlett  
Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99	Press release of the Company dated March 30, 2005

**UniFirst Corporation**

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**News Release**

contact: John B. Bartlett  
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**UNIFIRST ANNOUNCES RECORD FINANCIAL RESULTS**

**FOR SECOND QUARTER AND FIRST HALF OF FISCAL 2005**

Wilmington, MA (March 30, 2005) — UniFirst Corporation (NYSE: UNF) today announced its revenues and earnings for the second quarter and first half of fiscal 2005, which ended February 26, 2005.

Second quarter net income was \$10.1 million (\$0.52 per diluted common share), a 52.7% percent increase from last year's \$6.6 million (\$0.34 per diluted common share). Revenues for the second quarter of fiscal 2005 were \$190.7 million, a 7.5% percent increase from \$177.4 million in the same period a year ago.

For the first half of fiscal 2005, net income was \$23.4 million (\$1.21 per diluted common share), a 45.3% increase from last year's \$16.1 million (\$0.84 per diluted common share). Revenues were \$379.1 million, a 5.8% increase from \$358.3 million for the first half of fiscal 2004.

The primary reason for the significant increase in net income in the second quarter and the first half of fiscal 2005 was a decrease in operating costs as a percentage of revenues. As a percentage of revenues, operating costs for the second quarter decreased 1.3 percentage points from 65.2% for fiscal 2004 to 63.9% for fiscal 2005 and decreased for the first half of the year by 1.6 percentage points from 64.4% for fiscal 2004 to 62.8% for fiscal 2005. This decrease was due to lower merchandise amortization for the locations acquired as part of the Textilease acquisition as well as from cost savings realized from the Company's manufacturing operations in Mexico and lower industrial laundry production payroll costs as a percentage of revenues. These benefits were somewhat offset by higher energy costs associated with operating industrial laundries as well as in utilizing our fleet of delivery vehicles.

The Company also benefited from lower depreciation and intangible asset amortization expenses due to certain fixed assets and certain intangible assets becoming fully depreciated and amortized in fiscal 2004. In addition, interest expense has decreased during fiscal 2005 due to a reduction in the level of debt outstanding.

The Company will hold a conference call today at 4:00 PM (EST) to discuss its quarterly financial results, business highlights and outlook. A simultaneous live webcast of the call will be available over the Internet and can be accessed at [www.unifirst.com](http://www.unifirst.com).

UniFirst is one of the largest providers of workplace uniforms, protective clothing and facility services products in North America. The Company employs 9,000 team partners who serve more than 175,000 customer locations in 46 states, Canada and Europe from 175 manufacturing, distribution and customer service facilities.

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a safe harbor for certain forward-looking statements. This public announcement may contain forward-looking statements that reflect the Company's current views with respect to future events and financial performance. These forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties. The words "anticipate" and "should," and other expressions that indicate future events and trends identify forward-looking statements. Actual future results may differ materially from those anticipated depending on a variety of factors, including, but not limited to, performance of acquisitions; economic and business changes; fluctuations in the cost of materials, fuel and labor; economic and other developments associated with the on-going war on terrorism; strikes and unemployment levels; demand and price for the Company's products and services; improvement in under performing rental operations; and the outcome of pending and future litigation and environmental matters.

[Tables follow]

(In thousands)	February 26, 2005	August 28, 2004 (a)
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,598	\$ 4,436
Receivables, net	79,105	69,471
Inventories	26,595	31,060
Rental merchandise in service	65,774	60,544
Prepaid taxes and deferred tax assets	4,184	2,753
Prepaid expenses	3,588	1,857
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>184,844</b>	<b>170,121</b>
Property and equipment:		
Land, buildings and leasehold improvements	253,017	240,018
Machinery and equipment	266,442	258,736
Motor vehicles	74,478	70,048
	593,937	568,802
Less — accumulated depreciation	294,141	280,012
	299,796	288,790
Goodwill	186,462	180,685
Customer contracts and intangible assets, net	57,600	57,873
Other assets	3,101	3,353
	<b>\$ 731,803</b>	<b>\$700,822</b>
<b>Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Current maturities of long-term obligations	\$ 1,195	\$ 986
Accounts payable	36,770	33,754
Accrued liabilities	73,639	72,824
Accrued and deferred income taxes	6,572	5,611
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>118,176</b>	<b>113,175</b>
Long-term obligations, net of current maturities	179,443	177,855
Deferred income taxes	42,074	42,043
Shareholders' equity:		
Common stock	946	928
Class B common stock	976	993
Capital surplus	13,339	13,138
Retained earnings	375,318	353,196
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	1,531	(506)
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>392,110</b>	<b>367,749</b>
	<b>\$ 731,803</b>	<b>\$700,822</b>

(a) Condensed from audited financial statements

UNIFIRST CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME  
(unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share data)	Twenty-six weeks ended February 26, 2005	Twenty-six weeks ended February 28, 2004	Thirteen weeks ended February 26, 2005	Thirteen weeks ended February 28, 2004
Revenues	\$ 379,118	\$ 358,305	\$ 190,684	\$ 177,407
Costs and expenses:				
Operating costs (1)	237,955	230,801	121,922	115,713
Selling and administrative expenses (1)	78,601	73,861	40,000	37,034
Depreciation and amortization	21,730	22,727	11,067	11,699
	338,286	327,389	172,989	164,446
<b>Income from operations</b>	<b>40,832</b>	<b>30,916</b>	<b>17,695</b>	<b>12,961</b>
Interest expense, net	3,062	4,713	1,463	2,243
<b>Income before income taxes</b>	<b>37,770</b>	<b>26,203</b>	<b>16,232</b>	<b>10,718</b>
Provision for income taxes	14,353	10,088	6,169	4,126
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 23,417</b>	<b>\$ 16,115</b>	<b>\$ 10,063</b>	<b>\$ 6,592</b>
Weighted average number of shares outstanding:				
Basic-Common Stock	9,369	9,015	9,456	9,022
Basic-Class B Common Stock	9,843	10,172	9,759	10,168
Dilutive effect of common stock options	84	62	100	63
<b>Diluted-Common Stock</b>	<b>19,296</b>	<b>19,249</b>	<b>19,315</b>	<b>19,253</b>

Net income per share:				
Basic-Common Stock	\$ 1.36	\$ 0.94	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.38
Basic-Class B Common Stock	1.09	0.75	0.47	0.31
Diluted-Common Stock	<u>1.21</u>	<u>0.84</u>	<u>0.52</u>	<u>0.34</u>
Dividends per share:				
Common Stock	\$ 0.0750	\$ 0.0750	\$ 0.0375	\$ 0.0375
Class B Common Stock	<u>0.0600</u>	<u>0.0600</u>	<u>0.0300</u>	<u>0.0300</u>
(1) Exclusive of depreciation and amortization				