

CNA FINANCIAL CORP
Form 8-K
October 28, 2004

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) **October 27, 2004**

CNA FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-5823

36-6169860

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

CNA Center, Chicago, Illinois

60685

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(Zip Code)

(312)822-5000

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On October 27, 2004, Registrant issued a press release announcing that Brenda J. Gaines joined its Board of Directors, effective October 27, 2004. Ms. Gaines will serve on the board's Audit, Executive and Finance Committees. The press release is furnished as exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	CNA Financial Corporation press release, issued October 27, 2004. 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.

CNA FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Date October 28, 2004

/s/ Lawrence J. Boysen

(Signature)*

*Print name and title of the signing officer under his signature.

By: Lawrence J. Boysen
Its: Acting Chief Financial Officer