Postek Thomas
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Postek Thomas

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O UNIFIRST CORPORATION, 68 JONSPIN ROAD

(Street)

WILMINGTON, MA 01887

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
UNIFIRST CORP [UNF]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/13/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner
_____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

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 Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/13/2012		A		1,051 (1)	A	$ 0	22,051	D	

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

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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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Am Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)	
								Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	A o N o S
				Code	V	(A)	(D)				
Stock Appreciation Right [(2)]	$ 61.88	01/13/2012		A		1,724		01/13/2012[(2)]	01/13/2020[(2)]	Common Stock ($0.10 par value)	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Postek Thomas C/O UNIFIRST CORPORATION 68 JONSPIN ROAD WILMINGTON, MA 01887	X			

Signatures

/s/ David Whitman, Attorney-in-Fact	01/18/2012
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

***** 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).

(1) Represents an award of unrestricted Common Stock.

(2) This stock appreciation right is exercisable in full on the grant date (1/13/2012) and must be settled in stock at the time of exercise. This grant has an expiration date of the earlier of January 13, 2020 or the second anniversary of the date that the grantee ceases to be a member of the Board of Directors.

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