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Form 8-K  
November 05, 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) NOVEMBER 5, 2004

CNA FINANCIAL CORPORATION

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

1-5823

36-6169860

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

CNA CENTER, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

60685

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (312) 822-5000

NOT APPLICABLE

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(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(c) APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICERS.

On November 5, 2004, Registrant issued a press release announcing the appointment of D. Craig Mense, age 52 years, as its Chief Financial Officer, effective November 29, 2004. The press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits:

Exhibit No.	Description
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99.1	CNA Financial Corporation press release, issued November 5, 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 November 5, 2004

/s/ Lawrence J. Boysen

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(Signature)\*

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

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