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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

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report: April 15, 2004

BUTLER MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Butler Manufacturing Company 1540 Genessee Street P.O. Box 419917 Kansas City, Missouri 64102 Phone (816) 968-3000

Incorporated in the State of Delaware

Commission File No. 001-12335

I.R.S. Employer Identification Number: 44-0188420

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On April 15, 2004, Butler Manufacturing Company, a Delaware corporation ("Butler"), filed a press release concerning an unsolicited proposal received by Butler on April 13, 2004 by Robertson-Ceco Corporation in connection with an acquisition of Butler. Butler's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 7. EXHIBITS

 $99.1\ {\rm Press}\ {\rm Release}$ of Butler Manufacturing Company dated April 15, 2004.

SIGNATURE

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

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April 15, 2004 /s/ John W. Huey

Date John W. Huey

John W. Huey Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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99.1 Press release date April 15, 2004 - Butler Manufacturing Company Evaluates Proposal from Robertson-Ceco Corporation