

UNUMPROVIDENT CORP  
Form SC 13D  
March 09, 2007

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

**SCHEDULE 13D**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. )\*

**Unum Group**

(Name of Issuer)

**Common Stock, \$.10 par value**

(Title of Class of Securities)

**91529Y106**

(CUSIP Number)

**Ralph V. Whitworth  
Relational Investors, LLC  
12400 High Bluff Drive, Suite 600  
San Diego, CA 92130  
(858) 704-3333**

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

**February 28, 2007**

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. )\*

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CUSIP No. 91529Y106

1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
Relational Investors, LLC
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a)  X  
(b)  O
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
OO
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)  O
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |   |     |                                      |
|---|-----|--------------------------------------|
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>21,291,726      |
|   | 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>-0-           |
|   | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>21,291,726 |
|   | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>-0-      |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
21,291,726
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)  O
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
6.21%
14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
IA/HC/OO

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
Relational Investors, L.P.
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a)  X  
(b)  O
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)  O
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |   |     |                                     |
|---|-----|-------------------------------------|
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>3,312,906      |
|   | 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>-0-          |
|   | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>3,312,906 |
|   | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>-0-     |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
3,312,906
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)  O
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.97%
14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
Relational Fund Partners, L.P.
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a)  X  
(b)  O
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC/OO
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)  O
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |   |     |                                  |
|---|-----|----------------------------------|
|   | 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>86,745      |
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>-0-       |
|   | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>86,745 |
|   | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>-0-  |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
86,745
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)  O
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.03%
14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
Relational Coast Partners, L.P.
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a)  X  
(b)  O
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC/OO
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)  O
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |   |     |                                   |
|---|-----|-----------------------------------|
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>195,001      |
|   | 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>-0-        |
|   | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>195,001 |
|   | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>-0-   |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
195,001
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)  O
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.06%
14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
Relational Partners, L.P.
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a)  X  
(b)  O
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)  O
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |   |     |                                  |
|---|-----|----------------------------------|
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>77,774      |
|   | 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>-0-       |
|   | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>77,774 |
|   | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>-0-  |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
77,774
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)  O
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.02%
14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
RH Fund 1, L.P.
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a)  X  
(b)  O
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC/OO
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)  O
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |   |     |                                     |
|---|-----|-------------------------------------|
|   | 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>2,302,495      |
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>-0-          |
|   | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>2,302,495 |
|   | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>-0-     |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
2,302,495
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)  O
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.67%
14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
RH Fund 2, L.P.
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a)  X  
(b)  O
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC/OO
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)  O
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |   |     |                                     |
|---|-----|-------------------------------------|
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>1,721,522      |
|   | 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>-0-          |
|   | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>1,721,522 |
|   | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>-0-     |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
1,721,522
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)  O
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.50%
14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
RH Fund 4, L.P.
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a)  X  
(b)  O
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)  O
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |   |     |                                   |
|---|-----|-----------------------------------|
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>593,475      |
|   | 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>-0-        |
|   | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>593,475 |
|   | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>-0-   |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
593,475
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)  O
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.17%
14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
RH Fund 6, L.P.
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a)  X  
(b)  O
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)  O
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
7. Sole Voting Power  
410,197
8. Shared Voting Power  
-0-
9. Sole Dispositive Power  
410,197
10. Shared Dispositive Power  
-0-
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
410,197
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)  O
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.12%
14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
RH Fund 7, L.P.
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a)  X  
(b)  O
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)  O
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |   |     |                                   |
|---|-----|-----------------------------------|
|   | 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>193,982      |
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>-0-        |
|   | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>193,982 |
|   | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>-0-   |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
193,982
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)  O
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.06%
14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
Relational Investors III, L.P.
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a)  X  
(b)  O
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)  O
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |   |     |                                   |
|---|-----|-----------------------------------|
|   | 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>127,757      |
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>-0-        |
|   | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>127,757 |
|   | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>-0-   |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
127,757
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)  O
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.04%
14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
Relational Investors VIII, L.P.
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a)  X  
(b)  O
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)  O
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |   |     |                                     |
|---|-----|-------------------------------------|
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>3,209,234      |
|   | 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>-0-          |
|   | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>3,209,234 |
|   | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>-0-     |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
3,209,234
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)  O
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.94%
14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
Relational Investors IX, L.P.
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a)  X  
(b)  O
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)  O
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |   |     |                                     |
|---|-----|-------------------------------------|
|   | 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>1,333,063      |
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>-0-          |
|   | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>1,333,063 |
|   | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>-0-     |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
1,333,063
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)  O
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.39%
14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
Relational Investors X, L.P.
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a)  X  
(b)  O
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)  O
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |   |     |                                     |
|---|-----|-------------------------------------|
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>2,526,817      |
|   | 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>-0-          |
|   | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>2,526,817 |
|   | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>-0-     |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
2,526,817
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)  O
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.74%
14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
Relational Investors XI, L.P.
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 

|     |                                     |
|-----|-------------------------------------|
| (a) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (b) | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
 

|     |                          |           |
|-----|--------------------------|-----------|
| 7.  | Sole Voting Power        | 1,409,914 |
| 8.  | Shared Voting Power      | -0-       |
| 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power   | 1,409,914 |
| 10. | Shared Dispositive Power | -0-       |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
1,409,914
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.41%
14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
Relational Investors XV, L.P.
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 

|     |                                     |
|-----|-------------------------------------|
| (a) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (b) | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
 

|     |                          |         |
|-----|--------------------------|---------|
| 7.  | Sole Voting Power        | 486,278 |
| 8.  | Shared Voting Power      | -0-     |
| 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power   | 486,278 |
| 10. | Shared Dispositive Power | -0-     |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
486,278
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.14%
14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
Relational Investors XVI, L.P.
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a)  X  
(b)  O
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)  O
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
- |   |     |                                   |
|---|-----|-----------------------------------|
|   | 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>365,538      |
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>-0-        |
|   | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>365,538 |
|   | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>-0-   |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
365,538
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)  O
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
0.11%
14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
Ralph V. Whitworth
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a)  X  
(b)  O
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
NA
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)  O
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
United States
- |   |     |  |
|---|-----|--|
|   | 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>-0-               |
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>21,291,726      |
|   | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>-0-          |
|   | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>21,291,726 |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
21,291,726
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)  O
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
6.21%
14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
IN

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
David H. Batchelder
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a)  X  
(b)  O
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
NA
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)  O
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
United States
- |   |     |  |
|---|-----|--|
|   | 7.  | Sole Voting Power<br>-0-               |
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person With | 8.  | Shared Voting Power<br>21,291,726      |
|   | 9.  | Sole Dispositive Power<br>-0-          |
|   | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power<br>21,291,726 |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
21,291,726
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)  O
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
6.21%
14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
IN

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**Item 1. Security and Issuer**

This statement on Schedule 13D (this **Statement** ) relates to the common stock, \$.10 par value (the **Shares** ), of Unum Group, a Delaware corporation (the **Issuer** or the **Company** ). The Issuer's principal executive offices are located at 1 Fountain Square, Chattanooga, TN 37402.

**Item 2. Identity and Background**

This Statement is being filed by and on behalf of Relational Investors, L.P. ( **RILP** ), Relational Fund Partners, L.P. ( **RFP** ), Relational Coast Partners, L.P. ( **RCP** ), Relational Partners, L.P. ( **RP** ), RH Fund 1, L.P. ( **RH1** ), RH Fund 2, L.P. ( **RH2** ), RH Fund 4, L.P. ( **RH4** ), RH Fund 6, L.P. ( **RH6** ), RH Fund 7, L.P. ( **RH7** ), Relational Investors III, L.P. ( **RI III** ), Relational Investors VIII, L.P. ( **RI VIII** ), Relational Investors IX, L.P. ( **RI IX** ), Relational Investors X, L.P. ( **RI X** ), Relational Investors XI, L.P. ( **RI XI** ), Relational Investors XV, L.P. ( **RI XV** ) and Relational Investors XVI, L.P. ( **RI XVI** ), collectively, the **Relational LPs**. Each of the Relational LPs is a Delaware limited partnership. The principal business of each, is investing in securities.

This Statement is also being filed by and on behalf of Relational Investors, LLC ( **RILLC** ), a Delaware limited liability company. The principal business of RILLC is being the sole general partner, or the sole managing member of the general partner, of the Relational LPs and investment adviser of certain client managed accounts, the **Managed Accounts**. The Relational LPs and the **Managed Accounts** are the beneficial owners of the securities covered by this Statement. Pursuant to the Limited Partnership Agreement of each of the Relational LPs and the investment management agreement of the **Managed Accounts**, RILLC has sole investment discretion and voting authority with respect to the securities covered by this Statement.

This Statement is also being filed by and on behalf of Ralph V. Whitworth and David H. Batchelder. Messrs. Whitworth and Batchelder are the Principals of RILLC, in which capacity they share voting control and dispositive power over the securities covered by this Statement. Messrs. Whitworth and Batchelder, therefore, may be deemed to have shared indirect beneficial ownership of such securities. The present principal occupation of each of Messrs. Whitworth and Batchelder is serving as Principals of RILLC (Messrs. Whitworth and Batchelder, together with Relational LPs and RILLC, hereinafter, the **Reporting Persons** ).

During the last five years, none of the Reporting Persons has been (i) convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations and similar misdemeanors) or (ii) a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction, and as a result of such proceeding, was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

The business address of each of the Reporting Persons is 12400 High Bluff Drive, Suite 600, San Diego, CA 92130. Messrs. Whitworth and Batchelder are citizens of the United States.

**Item 3.**

**Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration**

RILLC and the Managed Accounts purchased an aggregate of 2,939,028 Shares for a total consideration (including brokerage commissions) of \$59.3 million derived from capital of the Managed Accounts and margin borrowings from certain client margin accounts at Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC ( CSSU ).

The Relational LPs purchased an aggregate of 18,352,698 Shares for total consideration (including brokerage commissions) of \$369.7 million derived from the capital of the Relational LPs and margin borrowings from CSSU for RFP, RCP, RH1 and RH2.

Interest on the margin debt balance of the margin accounts described above is charged at the then Federal Funds Rate plus 50 basis points. CSSU has a lien on the Shares held by certain Managed Accounts and those held by RFP, RCP, RH1 and RH2 to secure repayment of the margin borrowings described above.

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**Item 4. Purpose of Transaction**

As of the date of this Statement, except as set forth below, none of the Reporting Persons has any present plan or intention which would result in or relate to any of the actions described in subparagraphs (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

The Reporting Persons acquired the Shares covered by this Statement because, in their opinion, such Shares are undervalued by the market at the present time.

The Reporting Persons believe that several major factors have contributed to the Shares' undervaluation and underperformance, including the Company's history of: (i) repeated, significant, one-time reserve and settlement charges against reported earnings, (ii) poor operating results and (iii) poor forecasting. The Reporting Persons believe these deficiencies have deteriorated management's credibility with investors and caused investors to skeptically view management's turnaround plan.

Recent meetings between representatives of the Reporting Persons and the Company's executive and operating management have increased the Reporting Persons' confidence that the Company can achieve its 2007 and 2008 performance targets. On March 5, 2007 the Reporting Persons presented their views and concerns to a subset of the Company's board. At this time, the Reporting Persons believe the board is well informed and properly overseeing management and the strategic direction of the Company. Given, however, the Company's historical performance and the industry challenges facing the Company, which are compounded by the Company's size and product scope, the Reporting Persons believe the Company's board will have to consider broad strategic alternatives if the Company's 2007-2008 performance targets are not met or if their achievement becomes unlikely.

The Reporting Persons intend to closely monitor the management's progress toward achieving the Company's 2007-2008 performance targets. Depending on such progress (or lack thereof) the Reporting Persons may modify their plans. The Reporting Persons and their representatives and advisers intend to continue from time to time to discuss the Company and its performance with members of the Company's board and management. In addition, the Reporting Persons and their representatives and advisers may communicate with other shareholders, industry participants and other interested parties concerning the Company. Although the Reporting Persons do not have any current plans other than the monitoring and communication program outlined above, the Reporting Persons may in the future exercise any and all of their respective rights as shareholders of the Company in a manner consistent with their equity interests, including seeking representation on the Company's board of directors at a special or annual meeting of the Company's shareholders.

The Reporting Persons may from time-to-time (i) acquire additional Shares (subject to availability at prices deemed favorable) in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise, or (ii) dispose of Shares at prices deemed favorable in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise.



**Item 5.****Interest in Securities of the Issuer**

(a) As of the date of this Statement, the Reporting Persons beneficially owned in the aggregate 21,291,726 Shares, constituting 6.21% of the outstanding Shares. The percentage of Shares owned being based upon 342,656,811 Shares outstanding on February 23, 2007, as set forth in the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006. The Reporting Persons may be deemed to have direct beneficial ownership of the Shares as follows:

| NAME    | NUMBER OF SHARES | % OF OUTSTANDING SHARES | VOTING AND DISPOSITIVE POWER |
|---------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| RILLC   | 2,939,028        | 0.86                    | % Sole                       |
| RILP    | 3,312,906        | 0.97                    | % Sole                       |
| RFP     | 86,745           | 0.03                    | % Sole                       |
| RCP     | 195,001          | 0.06                    | % Sole                       |
| RP      | 77,774           | 0.02                    | % Sole                       |
| RH1     | 2,302,495        | 0.67                    | % Sole                       |
| RH2     | 1,721,522        | 0.50                    | % Sole                       |
| RH4     | 593,475          | 0.17                    | % Sole                       |
| RH6     | 410,197          | 0.12                    | % Sole                       |
| RH7     | 193,982          | 0.06                    | % Sole                       |
| RI III  | 127,757          | 0.04                    | % Sole                       |
| RI VIII | 3,209,234        | 0.94                    | % Sole                       |
| RI IX   | 1,333,063        | 0.39                    | % Sole                       |
| RI X    | 2,526,817        | 0.74                    | % Sole                       |
| RI XI   | 1,409,914        | 0.41                    | % Sole                       |
| RI XV   | 486,278          | 0.14                    | % Sole                       |
| RI XVI  | 365,538          | 0.11                    | % Sole                       |

RILLC, individually and in its capacity as an investment adviser, may be deemed to possess direct beneficial ownership of the 2,939,028 Shares that are owned by it and the Managed Accounts. Additionally, RILLC, as the sole general partner, or sole managing member of the general partner, of each of Relational LPs may be deemed to beneficially own (as that term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) the 18,352,698 Shares beneficially owned by the Relational LPs because the limited partnership agreements of the Relational LPs specify that RILLC has sole investment discretion and voting authority with respect to those Shares. Each of Messrs. Whitworth and Batchelder, as Principals of RILLC, may be deemed to share indirect beneficial ownership of the Shares which RILLC may beneficially own. Each of Messrs. Whitworth and Batchelder disclaims beneficial ownership of such Shares for all other purposes. To the best of the knowledge of each of the Reporting Persons, other than as set forth above, none of the persons named in Item 2 is the beneficial owner of any Shares.

- (b) See item (a) above.
- (c) Information concerning transactions in the Shares by the Reporting Persons during the past 60 days is set forth in Exhibit A filed with this Statement.
- (d) No other person is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the Shares covered by this Statement, except that dividends from, and proceeds from the sale of, the Shares held by accounts managed by RILLC may be delivered to such accounts.
- (e) Not applicable.

**Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer**

Except for the joint filing agreement between and among the Reporting Persons attached as Exhibit B hereto, and except for the investment discretion and voting authority described in Item 2 and in the respective partnership agreements of the Relational LPs which each contain provisions whereby RILLC may, after certain adjustments, receive a percentage of realized or unrealized profits, if any, derived from that partnership's investments, to the best of the knowledge of the Reporting Persons, there are no contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships (legal or otherwise) among the Reporting Persons or between the Reporting Persons and any other person with respect to any securities of the Issuer, including but not limited to transfer or voting of any of the securities, finder's fees, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, puts or calls, guarantees of profits, division of profits or loss, or the giving or withholding of proxies.

**Item 7. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits**

The following Exhibits are filed herewith:

Exhibit A Information concerning transactions in the Shares affected by the Reporting Persons in the last 60 days.

Exhibit B Joint Filing Agreement.

**Signature**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: March 9, 2007

RELATIONAL INVESTORS, L.P.  
RELATIONAL FUND PARTNERS, L.P.  
RELATIONAL COAST PARTNERS, L.P.  
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RELATIONAL INVESTORS XVI, L.P.

By: RELATIONAL INVESTORS, LLC

as general partner to each, except as the sole managing member of the general partners of Relational Investors III, L.P. and Relational Investors X, L.P.

By: */s/ Ralph V. Whitworth*  
Ralph V. Whitworth, Principal

RELATIONAL INVESTORS, LLC

By: */s/ Ralph V. Whitworth*  
Ralph V. Whitworth, Principal

*/s/ Ralph V. Whitworth*  
Ralph V. Whitworth

*/s/ David H. Batchelder*  
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