

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

Schedule 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 3)*

Culp, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, Par Value \$.05 per share
(Title of Class of Securities)

230215105
(CUSIP Number)

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with this statement . (A fee is not required only if the filing person: (1) has a previous statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more than five percent of the class of securities described in Item 1; and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of such class.) (See Rule 13d-7.)

* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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CUSIP NO. 230215105

(1) Names of Reporting Persons S.S. or I.R.S. Identification
Nos. of Above Persons:

First Union Corporation 56-0898180

(2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See
Instructions)

(a)
(b)

(3) SEC Use Only

(4) Citizenship or Place of Organization:

North Carolina

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
with:

(5) Sole Voting Power 321,168
(6) Shared Voting Power 3,048,750
(7) Sole Dispositive Power 321,168

(8) Shared Dispositive Power 3,048,750

(9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

3,369,918

(10) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row 9 Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

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(11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row 9

29.705 % (based on 11,344,577 shares outstanding on 12/31/96)

(12) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

First Union Corporation (HC)

Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:

Culp, Inc.

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

101 South Main Street
Post Office Box 2686
High Point, NC 27261-2686

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing:

First Union Corporation

Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office:

One First Union Center
Charlotte, North Carolina 28288-0137

Item 2(c) Citizenship:

North Carolina

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock, Par Value \$.05 per share

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:

230215105

Item 3 If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a:

(g)Parent Holding Company, in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b) (ii) (G)

Item 4 Ownership.

(a)Amount Beneficially Owned: 3,369,918
(b)Percent of Class: 29.705%
Number of shares as to which such person has:
(i)sole power to vote or to direct the vote
321,168
(ii)shared power to vote or to direct the vote
3,048,750
(iii)sole power to dispose or to direct the
disposition of 321,168
(iv)shared power to dispose or to direct the
disposition of 3,048,750

Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

Item 6 Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not applicable

Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.

First Union National Bank of Virginia (BK)
54-0211320

First Union Corporation is filing this schedule pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b)(ii)(G) as indicated under Item 3(g). The relevant subsidiaries are Evergreen Asset Management Group (IA), First Union National Bank of North Carolina (BK), and First Union National Bank of Virginia(BK). Evergreen Asset Management Group is investment advisor for mutual funds and other clients; the securities reported by this subsidiary are beneficially owned by such mutual funds or other clients. The other First Union entities listed above hold the securities reported in a fiduciary capacity for their respective customers.

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not applicable

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not applicable

Item 10 Certification.

By signing below, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

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.

FIRST UNION CORPORATION

February 3, 1997
Date

Signature

Dorothy F. Crowe, Assistant Vice President & Compliance Officer