UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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): March 16, 2004

AMERICAN VANGUARD CORPORATION

 $(Exact\ name\ of\ registrant\ as\ specified\ in\ its\ charter)$

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

0-6354 Commission File Number 95-2588080 (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

4695 MacArthur Court

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Newport Beach, California 92660

 $(Address\ of\ principal\ executive\ offices)$

Registrant s telephone number: (949) 260-1200

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Item 5.

On March 16, 2004, American Vanguard Corporation issued a press release announcing that it s Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$.12 per share and a 3 for 2 stock split to be distributed on April 16, 2004 to shareholders of record as of March 26, 2004. The full text of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7.

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated March 16, 2004 of American Vanguard Corporation.

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SIGNATURE

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.

AMERICAN VANGUARD CORPORATION

(Registrant)

By: /s / James A. Barry

James A. Barry Senior Vice President Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 16, 2004

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