

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
() Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
Kirchner, King P
1000 Kensington Tower
7130 South Lewis
Tulsa, OK 74136
USA
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Unit Corporation
UNT
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
January 1997
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(X) Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other
(specify below)
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
(X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
() Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned												
1. Title of Security	2.	3.	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)					5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
			Transaction	Code	V	Amount	A/ D				Price	
Common Stock	1/6/97	G(1)	V	20,000	D							
Common Stock	1/10/97	S		29,078	D	\$11.00						
Common Stock	1/10/97	S		15,000	D	\$11.125	1,187,920	D				
Common Stock							22,108	I(2)	By Spouse			
Common Stock							6,720	I(2)	By Spouse as Trustee			

Explanation of Responses:
1. Gift to Spouse.
2. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of all the securities held by his spouse, and this report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
King P. Kirchner