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July 29, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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): July 29, 2004

CERUS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Delaware | 0-21937 | 68-0262011 |
| (State of jurisdiction) | (Commission File No.) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

2411 Stanwell Drive
Concord, California 94520
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (925) 288-6000

Item 5. Other Events.

On July 29, 2004, Cerus Corporation (the "Company") announced its financial results for its second quarter ended June 30, 2004. A copy of the Company's press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

| Exhibit Number | Description of Exhibit |
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| 99.1 | Press Release, dated July 29, 2004, entitled "Cerus Corporation Announces Second Quarter Results." |

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 29, 2004, the Company announced its financial results for its second quarter ended June 30, 2004 and conducted a publicly-available conference call discussing those results. A copy of the Company's press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

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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.

CERUS CORPORATION

Dated: July 29, 2004

By: /s/ Gregory W. Schafer

Gregory W. Schafer
Vice President, Finance and
Chief Financial Officer

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