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

FORM N-CSR

CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act File Number 811-568  
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The Value Line Fund, Inc.  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

220 East 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10017  
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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 212-907-1500  
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Date of fiscal year end: December 31, 2004  
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Date of reporting period: June 30, 2004  
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Item I. Reports to Stockholders.  
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A copy of the Semi-Annual Report to Stockholders for the period ended  
is included with this Form.

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INVESTMENT ADVISER	Value Line, Inc. 220 East 42nd Street New York, NY 10017-5891
DISTRIBUTOR	Value Line Securities, Inc. 220 East 42nd Street New York, NY 10017-5891
CUSTODIAN BANK	State Street Bank and Trust Co. 225 Franklin Street Boston, MA 02110
SHAREHOLDER SERVICING AGENT	State Street Bank and Trust Co. c/o BFDS P.O. Box 219729 Kansas City, MO 64121-9729
INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP 1177 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10036

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THIS UNAUDITED REPORT IS ISSUED FOR INFORMATION OF SHAREHOLDERS. IT IS NOT AUTHORIZED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS UNLESS PRECEDED OR ACCOMPANIED BY A CURRENTLY EFFECTIVE PROSPECTUS OF THE FUND (OBTAINABLE FROM THE DISTRIBUTOR).

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SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT  
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JUNE 30, 2004  
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FUND, INC.

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THE VALUE LINE FUND, INC.

TO OUR VALUE LINE

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TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS:

The first half of 2004 was a frustrating time for equity investors. Following new post-recession highs in the first quarter, the stock market suffered its first 5% correction since the current market rally began in early 2003. The Standard & Poor's 500-stock Index and the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell about 5%, but the corrections reached about 10% in the NASDAQ and the Russell 2000 small-cap index. Rising oil prices, the handover of power in Iraq, and the looming prospect of the first increase in interest rates in several years all contributed to a high degree of uncertainty. Corporate profit growth was the one bright spot as year-over-year growth could well exceed 20% in the first half. While equity markets do like to "climb a wall of worry", so far that climb has been a difficult one, with the S&P 500 Index(1) generating a modest 3.44% return through June 30th. The Value Line Fund returned 1.47% in the comparable period.

In managing the Fund, we rely on the Value Line Timeliness Ranking System, which favors those companies that have high current earnings, strong earnings growth, positive earnings surprises, reasonable valuations and improving relative stock-price performance. As the year began, technology and consumer discretionary stocks were favored by the Timeliness Ranking System due to strong earnings and price momentum in 2003. Indeed, the tech and consumer discretionary stocks did participate in the market gains early in the first quarter, and we increased exposure to these groups. These sectors, however, were two of the worst-performing ones for the second quarter of this year, causing us to selectively reduce our holdings and overall exposure to technology and consumer discretionary industries as earnings and/or price momentum deteriorated. The energy, industrial, and consumer staple sectors were the best performers during the first half of 2004, due to rising oil prices, expanding manufacturing demand, and some sector rotation. We increased the Fund's holdings in industrials and more than doubled the consumer staples position. We reduced the Fund's holdings in the financial sector in the first quarter in the belief that interest rates would soon rise and possibly threaten that group's earnings; the financial sector posted a small loss for the six month period. Finally, we increased investments in the health care sector.

Going forward, we remain committed to investing in those companies that show strong earnings growth and positive earnings surprises. We believe that the Fund is well positioned to benefit from today's market and economic environments, as long as corporate profits remain strong, consumers and business owners continue to spend at a moderate pace, labor markets continue to improve, and interest rates remain accommodative, albeit at levels higher than in the recent past.

We thank you for your confidence in Value Line and appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jean Bernhard Buttner

Jean Bernhard Buttner  
CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT

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August 12, 2004

(1) THE STANDARD & POOR'S 500 INDEX CONSISTS OF 500 STOCKS WHICH ARE TRADED ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE AND THE NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET SYSTEM AND IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BROAD STOCK MARKET. THIS IS AN UNMANAGED INDEX AND DOES NOT REFLECT CHARGES, EXPENSES OR TAXES, AND IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DIRECTLY INVEST IN THIS INDEX.

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FUND SHAREHOLDERS

ECONOMIC OBSERVATIONS

The U.S. economic expansion, which proceeded strongly from the middle of 2003 through the opening six months of this year, has more recently started to show some signs of fatigue. True, the business upturn is hardly collapsing, and we are still seeing improvement in the capital goods area and in certain industrial sectors. However, manufacturing, in general, is now growing more slowly than it had been, while the retail and residential construction markets are pulling back a little. Our sense is that growth will now proceed at a moderate 3% to 4% rate over the next several quarters to a year.

The slowing in growth may well have positive ramifications. That is because the current deceleration in economic activity appears mild and seems unlikely to evolve into a full-fledged slowdown barring another surge in oil prices. (Higher oil prices limit economic growth by taking money out of the pockets of consumers and businesses). If we are correct and the economy shifts to a modestly slower, but sustainable pace, with accompanying lower inflation, the Federal Reserve, which has increased interest rates twice in the past several months, might well be inclined to proceed slowly and somewhat cautiously in raising rates over the next several months.

Our current benign economic forecast, it should be noted, excludes any allowance for a further escalation in global military conflict or a new act of terrorism, neither of which can be accurately predicted as to scope or timing.

PERFORMANCE DATA:\*\*

	AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURN	GROWTH OF AN ASSUMED INVESTMENT OF \$10,000
1 year ended 6/30/04 .....	+8.76%	\$10,876
5 years ended 6/30/04 .....	-6.11%	\$ 7,297
10 years ended 6/30/04 .....	+7.50%	\$20,620

\*\* THE PERFORMANCE DATA QUOTED REPRESENT PAST PERFORMANCE AND ARE NO GUARANTEE OF FUTURE PERFORMANCE. THE AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS AND GROWTH OF AN ASSUMED INVESTMENT OF \$10,000 INCLUDE DIVIDENDS REINVESTED AND CAPITAL GAINS DISTRIBUTIONS ACCEPTED IN SHARES. THE INVESTMENT RETURN AND PRINCIPAL VALUE OF AN INVESTMENT WILL FLUCTUATE SO THAT AN INVESTMENT, WHEN REDEEMED, MAY BE WORTH MORE OR LESS THAN ITS ORIGINAL COST. THE PERFORMANCE DATA DO NOT REFLECT THE DEDUCTION OF TAXES THAT A SHAREHOLDER WOULD PAY ON FUND DISTRIBUTIONS OR THE REDEMPTION OF FUND SHARES. CURRENT PERFORMANCE MAY BE

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OBTAIN PERFORMANCE DATA CURRENT TO THE MOST RECENT MONTH-END.

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PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS AT JUNE 30, 2004 (UNAUDITED)

Ten Largest Holdings

ISSUE	SHARES	VALUE (IN THOUSANDS)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS
Research In Motion Ltd. ....	54,266	\$3,714	1.8%
Waters Corp. ....	70,100	3,349	1.6
Navigant Consulting, Inc. ....	154,300	3,308	1.6
Genentech, Inc. ....	58,700	3,299	1.6
Norfolk Southern Corp. ....	124,000	3,289	1.6
Yahoo! Inc. ....	90,500	3,288	1.6
Georgia-Pacific Corp. ....	88,900	3,288	1.6
Qualcomm Incorporated ....	45,000	3,284	1.6
Copart, Inc. ....	122,800	3,279	1.6
Helen of Troy Ltd. ....	88,800	3,274	1.6

FIVE LARGEST INDUSTRY CATEGORIES

INDUSTRY	VALUE (IN THOUSANDS)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS
Retail-Special Lines .....	\$14,948	7.2%
Medical Supplies .....	13,996	6.8
Toiletries/Cosmetics .....	10,768	5.2
Drug .....	10,115	4.9
Electronics .....	8,531	4.1

FIVE LARGEST NET SECURITY PURCHASES\*

ISSUE	COST (IN THOUSANDS)
Archer-Daniels-Midland Co. ....	\$3,325
Georgia-Pacific Corp. ....	3,307
Telecom Corp. of New Zealand Ltd. ....	3,293
Motorola, Inc. ....	3,270
ResMed Inc. ....	3,237

FIVE LARGEST NET SECURITY SALES\*

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ISSUE	PROCEEDS (IN THOUSANDS)
Citigroup, Inc. ....	\$6,983
Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc. ....	6,558
Medtronic, Inc. ....	6,070
Cisco Systems, Inc. ....	5,844
Omnicom Group, Inc. ....	5,613

\* FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDED 6/30/04

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (UNAUDITED)

JUNE 30, 2004

SHARES	VALUE (IN THOUSANDS)
COMMON STOCKS (97.4%)	
AEROSPACE/DEFENSE (2.1%)	
95,300	Armor Holdings, Inc.* ..... \$3,240
16,400	L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. .... 1,096
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	4,336
AUTO PARTS (0.5%)	
33,800	Modine Manufacturing Co. .... 1,077
BEVERAGE -- SOFT DRINK (0.5%)	
50,000	PepsiAmericas, Inc. .... 1,062
BIOTECHNOLOGY (3.2%)	
58,700	Genentech, Inc.* ..... 3,299
45,200	Invitrogen Corp.* ..... 3,254
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	6,553
CHEMICAL -- DIVERSIFIED (1.6%)	
69,500	Eastman Chemical Company ..... 3,213
COMPUTER SOFTWARE & SERVICES (3.6%)	
24,700	Autodesk, Inc. .... 1,057
131,500	Macromedia, Inc.* ..... 3,228
74,000	Symantec Corp.* ..... 3,240
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	7,525
DRUG (4.9%)	
50,600	Biogen Idec, Inc.* ..... 3,200
18,300	Celgene Corp.* ..... 1,048

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20,000	Cephalon, Inc.* .....	1,080
27,700	Covance Inc.* .....	1,069
37,500	ImClone Systems Inc.* .....	3,217
14,600	Pfizer, Inc. ....	501
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		10,115
	E-COMMERCE (0.5%)	
174,700	Sapient Corp.* .....	1,050

SHARES		VALUE (IN THOUSANDS)
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	EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (2.1%)	
12,100	Apollo Group, Inc. Class "A"* .....	\$1,068
36,300	University of Phoenix Online* .....	3,180
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		4,248
	ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT (2.1%)	
19,400	FLIR Systems, Inc.* .....	1,065
118,000	Thomas & Betts Corp.* .....	3,213
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		4,278
	ELECTRONICS (4.1%)	
77,400	Agilysys, Inc. ....	1,067
121,400	Arrow Electronics, Inc.* .....	3,256
35,100	Harman International Industries, Inc. ....	3,194
14,500	Rogers Corp.* .....	1,014
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		8,531
	ENTERTAINMENT (0.7%)	
25,000	Radio One, Inc. Class "A"* .....	403
66,900	Radio One, Inc. Class "D"* .....	1,071
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		1,474
	ENTERTAINMENT TECHNOLOGY (0.9%)	
116,000	Pixelworks, Inc.* .....	1,777
	FINANCIAL SERVICES -- DIVERSIFIED (1.5%)	
44,500	American International Group, Inc. ....	3,172
	FOOD PROCESSING (2.1%)	
193,400	Archer-Daniels-Midland Co .....	3,245
52,300	Tyson Foods, Inc. Class "A" .....	1,096
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		4,341
	FOREIGN TELECOMMUNICATIONS (1.6%)	
108,000	Telecom Corp. of New Zealand Ltd. (ADR) .....	3,218

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### SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (UNAUDITED)

SHARES		VALUE (IN THOUSANDS)
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	GROCERY (0.5%)	
11,300	Whole Foods Market, Inc. ....	\$1,079
	HEALTHCARE	
	INFORMATION	
	SYSTEMS (1.6%)	
115,600	eResearch Technology, Inc.* .....	3,237
	HOME APPLIANCE (0.5%)	
15,100	Toro Company (The) .....	1,058
	HOTEL/GAMING (0.5%)	
21,800	Station Casinos, Inc. ....	1,055
	HOUSEHOLD	
	PRODUCTS (0.5%)	
23,200	Church & Dwight Co., Inc. ....	1,062
	HUMAN RESOURCES (1.5%)	
164,500	Korn/Ferry International * .....	3,186
	INDUSTRIAL	
	SERVICES (3.2%)	
122,800	Copart, Inc.* .....	3,279
154,300	Navigant Consulting, Inc.* .....	3,308
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		6,587
	INFORMATION	
	SERVICES (0.5%)	
18,700	Getty Images, Inc.* .....	1,122
	INSURANCE --	
	PROPERTY/CASUALTY (1.6%)	
105,500	American Financial Group, Inc. ....	3,225
	INTERNET (2.6%)	
96,200	E*TRADE Financial Corp.* .....	1,073
11,600	eBay, Inc.* .....	1,066
90,500	Yahoo! Inc.* .....	3,288
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		5,427
	MACHINERY (1.6%)	
70,800	Stanley Works (The) .....	3,227
		VALUE
		(IN THOUSANDS)
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	MEDICAL SERVICES (2.6%)	
12,700	Aetna Inc. ....	\$1,079
12,200	Anthem, Inc.* .....	1,093
36,000	DaVita Inc.* .....	1,110
26,700	Laboratory Corp. of America	



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	Holdings* .....	1,060
12,600	Quest Diagnostics, Inc. ....	1,070
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		5,412
	MEDICAL SUPPLIES (6.8%)	
18,900	Bard (C.R.), Inc. ....	1,071
22,600	Charles River Laboratories	
	International, Inc.* .....	1,105
18,500	Fisher Scientific International,	
	Inc.* .....	1,068
50,700	IDEXX Laboratories, Inc.* .....	3,191
63,400	ResMed Inc.* .....	3,231
19,400	Stryker Corp. ....	1,067
37,000	Zimmer Holdings, Inc.* .....	3,263
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		13,996
	METALS & MINING --	
	DIVERSIFIED (0.9%)	
100,000	Brush Engineered	
	Materials Inc.* .....	1,890
	NATURAL GAS --	
	DIVERSIFIED (2.1%)	
107,200	Patina Oil & Gas Corp. ....	3,202
37,500	Southwestern Energy Co.* .....	1,075
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		4,277
	OILFIELD SERVICES/ EQUIPMENT (1.6%)	
50,800	Schlumberger Ltd .....	3,226
	PAPER & FOREST PRODUCTS (3.2%)	
88,900	Georgia-Pacific Corp. ....	3,288
78,000	Potlatch Corp. ....	3,248
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		6,536

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THE VALUE LINE FUND, INC.

JUNE 30, 2004

SHARES		VALUE (IN THOUSANDS)
	PHARMACY	
	SERVICES (2.6%)	
54,200	Accredo Health, Inc.* .....	\$2,111
76,000	CVS Corp. ....	3,194
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		5,305
	PRECISION	
	INSTRUMENT (3.2%)	
108,700	Agilent Technologies, Inc.* .....	3,183

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70,100	Waters Corp* .....	3,349
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		6,532
	RAILROAD (1.6%)	
124,000	Norfolk Southern Corp. ....	3,289
	RESTAURANT (0.7%)	
15,000	Landry's Restaurants, Inc. ....	448
24,500	Starbucks Corp.* .....	1,065
		-----
		1,513
	RETAIL BUILDING	
	SUPPLY (1.5%)	
90,700	Home Depot, Inc. (The) .....	3,193
	RETAIL--SPECIAL	
	LINES (7.2%)	
111,200	American Eagle Outfitters, Inc.* .....	3,215
362,300	Charming Shoppes, Inc.* .....	3,235
23,800	Coach, Inc.* .....	1,075
43,900	Gap, Inc. (The) .....	1,065
23,500	Guitar Center, Inc..* .....	1,045
32,500	PETSMART, Inc. ....	1,055
118,500	Rent-Way, Inc.* .....	1,066
52,400	Urban Outfitters, Inc.* .....	3,192
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		14,948
	RETAIL STORE (1.5%)	
85,000	Penney (J.C.) Co., Inc. ....	3,210
	SEMICONDUCTOR (1.6%)	
177,400	Motorola, Inc. ....	3,237
		VALUE
SHARES		(IN THOUSANDS)
		-----
	TELECOMMUNICATION	
	SERVICES (3.1%)	
120,000	Nextel Communications, Inc.	
	Class "A"* .....	\$3,199
112,700	Western Wireless Corp.	
	Class "A"* .....	3,258
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		6,457
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	
	EQUIPMENT (3.1%)	
120,600	Marvell Technology Group Ltd.*	3,220
45,000	QUALCOMM Inc. ....	3,284
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		6,504
	TOILETRIES/COSMETICS (5.2%)	
23,400	Avon Products, Inc. ....	1,080
111,400	Chattem, Inc.* .....	3,216
88,800	Helen of Troy Ltd..* .....	3,274
126,300	Nu Skin Enterprises, Inc.	
	Class "A" .....	3,198
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		10,768
	TRUCKING (0.5%)	
28,000	Hunt (J.B.) Transport	
	Services, Inc. ....	1,080

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WIRELESS NETWORKING (1.8%)	
54,266 Research In Motion Ltd.* .....	3,714
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TOTAL COMMON STOCKS AND TOTAL INVESTMENT SECURITIES (97.4%) (COST \$187,804,000) .....	201,322
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THE VALUE LINE FUND, INC.

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (UNAUDITED)

JUNE 30, 2004

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (IN THOUSANDS)	VALUE (IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNT)
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REPURCHASE AGREEMENT (4.0%) (INCLUDING ACCRUED INTEREST)	
\$ 8,300	
Collateralized by \$8,606,000 U.S. Treasury Bonds 5.25%, due 11/15/28, with a value of \$8,489,000 (with UBS Warburg LLC, 1.22%, dated 6/30/04, due 7/1/04, delivery value \$8,300,281) .....	\$ 8,300
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EXCESS OF LIABILITIES OVER CASH AND OTHER ASSETS (-1.4%)	(2,935)
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NET ASSETS (100.0%)	\$206,687
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NET ASSET VALUE, OFFERING AND REDEMPTION PRICE PER OUTSTANDING SHARE (\$206,686,540 - 14,289,902 SHARES OF CAPITAL STOCK OUTSTANDING)	\$ 14.46
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\*NON-INCOME PRODUCING

(ADR) AMERICAN DEPOSITORY RECEIPTS.

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THE VALUE LINE FUND, INC

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AT JUNE 30, 2004 (UNAUDITED)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED

	(IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNT)	
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<b>ASSETS:</b>		<b>INVESTMENT INCOME:</b>
Investment securities, at value		Dividends (Net of foreign taxes of \$12) .....
(Cost - \$187,804) .....	\$201,322	Interest .....
Repurchase agreement		
(Cost - \$8,300) .....	8,300	Total Income .....
Cash .....	46	
Receivable for securities sold .....	27,885	<b>EXPENSES:</b>
Dividends receivable .....	40	Advisory fee .....
Receivable for capital shares sold .....	2	Service and distribution
Prepaid expenses .....	20	Transfer agent fees .....
	-----	Auditing and legal fees .....
TOTAL ASSETS .....	237,615	Printing .....
	-----	Custodian fees .....
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		Postage .....
Payable for securities purchased .....	30,603	Insurance, dues and other
Payable for capital shares repurchased .....	98	Registration and filing
Accrued expenses:		Telephone .....
Advisory fee .....	112	Directors' fees and expenses
Service and distribution plan fees		
payable .....	42	Total Expenses before
Other .....	73	Less: Custody Credits
	-----	Net Expenses .....
TOTAL LIABILITIES .....	30,928	
	-----	NET INVESTMENT LOSS .....
NET ASSETS .....	\$206,687	
	=====	NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED
NET ASSETS CONSIST OF:		INVESTMENTS:
Capital stock, at \$1.00 par value		Net Realized Gain .....
(authorized 50,000,000, outstanding		Change in Net Unrealized
14,289,902 shares) .....	\$ 14,290	Appreciation .....
Additional paid-in capital .....	142,353	
Accumulated net investment loss .....	(578)	NET REALIZED GAIN AND CHANGES
Undistributed net realized gain on		UNREALIZED APPRECIATION
investments .....	37,104	INVESTMENTS .....
Net unrealized appreciation of		
investments .....	13,518	NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS
	-----	OPERATIONS .....
NET ASSETS .....	\$206,687	
	=====	
NET ASSET VALUE, OFFERING AND		
REDEMPTION PRICE PER OUTSTANDING		
SHARE (\$206,686,540 - 14,289,902		
SHARES OUTSTANDING) .....	\$ 14.46	
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THE VALUE LINE FUND, INC.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE  
SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2004 (UNAUDITED) AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2004 (UNAUDITED)	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003
(IN THOUSANDS)		
OPERATIONS:		
Net investment loss .....	\$ (578)	\$ (397)
Net realized gain on investments .....	21,758	42,700
Change in net unrealized appreciation .....	(18,124)	(10,197)
Net increase in net assets from operations .....	3,056	32,106
DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS:		
Net realized gain from investment transactions .....	--	(22,708)
CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS:		
Proceeds from sale of shares .....	2,249	59,344
Proceeds from reinvestment of distributions to shareholders .....	--	21,413
Cost of shares repurchased .....	(14,665)	(80,446)
Net (decrease) increase from capital share transactions .....	(12,416)	311
TOTAL (DECREASE) INCREASE IN NET ASSETS .....	(9,360)	9,709
NET ASSETS:		
Beginning of period .....	216,047	206,338
End of period .....	\$ 206,687	\$ 216,047
ACCUMULATED NET INVESTMENT LOSS, END OF PERIOD .....	\$ (578)	\$ --

SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

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THE VALUE LINE FUND, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

JUNE 30, 2004

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Fund is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as a diversified, open-end management investment company whose primary investment objective is long-term growth of capital.

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The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements.

(A) SECURITY VALUATION. Securities listed on a securities exchange and over-the-counter securities traded on the NASDAQ national market are valued at the closing sales prices on the date as of which the net asset value is being determined. In the absence of closing sales prices for such securities and for securities traded in the over-the-counter market, the security is valued at the midpoint between the latest available and representative asked and bid prices. Securities for which market quotations are not readily available or that are not readily marketable and all other assets of the Fund are valued at fair value as the Board of Directors may determine in good faith. Short-term instruments with maturities of 60 days or less at the date of purchase are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value. Short-term instruments with maturities greater than 60 days at the date of purchase are valued at the midpoint between the latest available and representative asked and bid prices, and commencing 60 days prior to maturity such securities are valued at amortized cost.

(B) REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS. In connection with transactions in repurchase agreements, the Fund's custodian takes possession of the underlying collateral securities, the value of which exceeds the principal amount of the repurchase transaction, including accrued interest. To the extent that any repurchase transaction exceeds one business day, the value of the collateral is marked-to-market on a daily basis to ensure the adequacy of the collateral. In the event of default of the obligation to repurchase, the Fund has the right to liquidate the collateral and apply the proceeds in satisfaction of the obligation. Under certain circumstances, in the event of default or bankruptcy by the other party to the agreement, realization and/or retention of the collateral or proceeds may be subject to legal proceedings.

(C) FEDERAL INCOME TAXES. It is the Fund's policy to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies, including the distribution requirements of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, and to distribute all of its taxable income to its shareholders. Therefore, no federal income tax or excise tax provision is required.

(D) SECURITY TRANSACTIONS AND DISTRIBUTIONS. Security transactions are accounted for on the date the securities are purchased or sold. Interest income is accrued as earned. Realized gains and losses on sales of securities are calculated for financial accounting and federal income tax purposes on the identified cost basis. Dividend income and distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations which may differ from generally accepted accounting principles.

(E) REPRESENTATIONS AND INDEMNIFICATIONS. In the normal course of business the Fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of representations and warranties which provide general indemnifications. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred. However, based on experience, the Fund expects the risk of loss to be remote.

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2. CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS, DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS  
 Transactions in capital stock were as follows (in thousands except per share amounts):

	SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2004 (UNAUDITED)	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003
Shares sold .....	158	4,159
Shares issued to shareholders in reinvestment of dividends and distributions .....	--	1,520
Shares repurchased .....	158 (1,029)	5,679 (5,608)
Net (decrease) increase .....	(871)	71
Distributions per share from net realized gains .....	\$ --	\$ 1.6269

3. PURCHASES AND SALES OF SECURITIES

Purchases and sales of investment securities, excluding short-term securities, were as follows:

	SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2004 (UNAUDITED)
	(IN THOUSANDS)
PURCHASES:	
Investment Securities .....	\$362,108
SALES:	
Investment Securities .....	\$372,966

4. INCOME TAXES

At June 30, 2004, information on the tax components of capital is as follows:  
 (unaudited)

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(IN THOUSANDS)

Cost of investments for tax purposes .....	\$196,105
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Gross tax unrealized appreciation .....	\$15,194
Gross tax unrealized depreciation .....	(1,677)
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Net tax unrealized appreciation on investments .....	\$13,517
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Net realized gains/losses differ for financial statement and tax purposes primarily due to differing treatments of wash sales.

5. INVESTMENT ADVISORY CONTRACT, MANAGEMENT FEES AND TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

An advisory fee of \$701,000 was paid or payable to Value Line, Inc., the Fund's investment adviser (the "Adviser"), for the six months ended June 30, 2004. This was computed at the rate of .70% of the first \$100 million of the Fund's average daily net assets plus .65% on the excess thereof, and paid monthly. The Adviser provides research, investment programs, supervision of the investment portfolio and pays costs of administrative services, office space, equipment and compensation of administrative, bookkeeping and clerical personnel necessary for managing the affairs of the Fund. The Adviser also provides persons, satisfactory to the Fund's Board of Directors, to act as officers and employees of the Fund and pays their salaries and wages. The Fund bears all other costs and expenses.

The Fund has a Service and Distribution Plan (the "Plan"), adopted pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, for the payment of certain expenses incurred by Value Line Securities, Inc. (the "Distributor"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Adviser, in advertising, marketing and distributing the Fund's shares and for servicing the Fund's shareholders at an annual rate of 0.25% of the Fund's average daily net assets. For the six

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months ended June 30, 2004, fees amounting to \$260,000 were paid or payable to the Distributor under this Plan.

Certain officers and directors of the Adviser and its wholly owned subsidiary, Value Line Securities, Inc. (the Fund's distributor and a registered broker/dealer), are also officers and directors of the Fund. During the six months ended June 30, 2004, the Fund paid brokerage commissions totaling \$363,000 to the Distributor, which clears its transactions through unaffiliated brokers.

For the six months ended June 30, 2004, the Fund's expenses were reduced by \$2,000 under a custody credit arrangement with the Custodian.

The Adviser and/or affiliated companies and the Value Line, Inc. Profit Sharing



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and Savings Plan owned 415,185 shares of the Fund's capital stock, representing 2.9% of the outstanding shares at June 30, 2004.

### PROXY VOTING

A description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities is available without charge upon request by calling 1-800-243-2729 or on the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>). Information regarding how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is also available on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov> or at the Fund's website at <http://vlfunds.com>.

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Financial Highlights  
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SELECTED DATA FOR A SHARE OF CAPITAL STOCK OUTSTANDING THROUGHOUT EACH PERIOD:

	SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2004 (UNAUDITED)	----- 2003	2002	----- YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 2001
NET ASSET VALUE, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$ 14.25	\$ 13.67	\$ 18.49	\$ 21.37
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INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:				
Net investment loss	(.04)	(.03)	(.05)	(.04)
Net gains or losses on securities (both realized and unrealized)	.25	2.24	(4.64)	(2.70)
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Total from investment				

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operations	.21	2.21	(4.69)	(2.74)
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LESS DISTRIBUTIONS:				
Distributions from net realized gains	--	(1.63)	(.13)	(.14)
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Total distributions	--	(1.63)	(.13)	(.14)
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NET ASSET VALUE, END OF PERIOD	\$ 14.46	\$ 14.25	\$ 13.67	\$ 18.49
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TOTAL RETURN	1.47%+	16.28%	-25.35%	-12.82%
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RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:				
Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	\$ 206,687	\$ 216,047	\$ 206,338	\$ 303,034
Ratio of expenses to average net assets (1)	1.13%*	1.13%	1.11%	1.04%
Ratio of net investment loss to average net assets	(0.56)%*	(0.19)%	(0.31)%	(.18)%
Portfolio turnover rate	180%+	129%	33%	45%

(1) RATIOS REFLECT EXPENSES GROSSED UP FOR CUSTODY CREDIT ARRANGEMENT. THE RATIO OF EXPENSES TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS NET OF CUSTODY CREDITS WOULD HAVE BEEN 1.03% FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001, UNCHANGED FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2004 (UNAUDITED), AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003, 2002, 2000, AND 1999.

\*ANNUALIZED

+NOT ANNUALIZED

SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

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THE VALUE LINE FAMILY OF FUNDS

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1950 -- THE VALUE LINE FUND seeks long-term growth of capital. Current income is a secondary objective.

1952 -- VALUE LINE INCOME AND GROWTH FUND'S primary investment objective is income, as high and dependable as is consistent with reasonable risk. Capital growth to increase total return is a secondary objective.

1956 -- THE VALUE LINE SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND seeks long-term growth of capital. No consideration is given to current income in the choice of investments.

1972 -- VALUE LINE LEVERAGED GROWTH INVESTORS' sole investment objective is to realize capital growth.

1979 -- THE VALUE LINE CASH FUND, a money market fund, seeks to secure as high a level of current income as is consistent with maintaining liquidity and preserving capital. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Although the Fund seeks to preserve the value of your investment at \$1.00 per share, it is possible to lose money by investing in the Fund.

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1981 -- VALUE LINE U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES FUND seeks maximum income without undue risk to capital. Under normal conditions, at least 80% of the value of its net assets will be invested in securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government and its agencies and instrumentalities.

1983 -- VALUE LINE CENTURION FUND\* seeks long-term growth of capital.

1984 -- THE VALUE LINE TAX EXEMPT FUND seeks to provide investors with the maximum income exempt from federal income taxes while avoiding undue risk to principal. The Fund offers investors a choice of two portfolios: The Money Market Portfolio and The National Bond Portfolio. The Fund may be subject to state and local taxes and the Alternative Minimum Tax (if applicable).

1985 -- VALUE LINE CONVERTIBLE FUND seeks high current income together with capital appreciation primarily from convertible securities ranked 1 or 2 for year-ahead performance by the Value Line Convertible Ranking System.

1986 -- VALUE LINE AGGRESSIVE INCOME TRUST seeks to maximize current income.

1987 -- VALUE LINE NEW YORK TAX EXEMPT TRUST seeks to provide New York taxpayers with the maximum income exempt from New York State, New York City and federal income taxes while avoiding undue risk to principal. The Trust may be subject to state and local taxes and the Alternative Minimum Tax (if applicable).

1987 -- VALUE LINE STRATEGIC ASSET MANAGEMENT TRUST\* seeks to achieve a high total investment return consistent with reasonable risk.

1993 -- VALUE LINE EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES FUND invests primarily in common stocks or securities convertible into common stock, with its primary objective being long-term growth of capital.

1993 -- VALUE LINE ASSET ALLOCATION FUND seeks high total investment return, consistent with reasonable risk. The Fund invests in stocks, bonds and money market instruments utilizing quantitative modeling to determine the asset mix.

\* ONLY AVAILABLE THROUGH THE PURCHASE OF GUARDIAN INVESTOR, A TAX DEFERRED VARIABLE ANNUITY, OR VALUEPLUS, A VARIABLE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY.

FOR MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY OF THE VALUE LINE FUNDS, INCLUDING CHARGES AND EXPENSES, SEND FOR A PROSPECTUS FROM VALUE LINE SECURITIES, INC., 220 EAST 42ND STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10017-5891 OR CALL 1-800-243-2729, 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK, OR VISIT US AT WWW.VALUELINE.COM. READ THE PROSPECTUS CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU INVEST OR SEND MONEY.

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Item 2. Code of Ethics.  
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Not applicable.

Item 3. Audit Committee Financial Expert.  
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Not applicable.

Item 10. Controls and Procedures.

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- (a) The registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in rule 30a-3(c) under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c) ) based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures as of the date within 90 days of filing date of this report, are appropriately designed to ensure that material information relating to the registrant is made known to such officers and are operating effectively.
  - (b) The registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have determined that there have been no significant changes in the registrant's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation, including corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Item 11. Exhibits.

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- (a) Certifications of principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

By /s/ Jean B. Buttner

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Jean B. Buttner, President

Date: August 31, 2004

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/ Jean B. Buttner

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Jean B. Buttner, President, Principal Executive Officer

By: /s/ David T. Henigson

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David T. Henigson, Vice President, Treasurer, Principal Financial Officer

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Date: August 31, 2004

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