

BANNER CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SIRMON GARY

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BANNER CORP, PO BOX 907

(Street)

WALLA WALLA, WA 99362

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BANNER CORP [BANR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
06/17/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

Chairman of the Board

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share | 06/17/2005 | | F | | 6,278 | D | \$ 28.195 (1) |
| | | | | | 247,173 | (2) | D |
| Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share | 06/17/2005 | | M | | 1,752 | A | \$ 22.0454 |
| | | | | | 248,925 | (2) | D |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Option to buy Common Stock | \$ 22.0454 | 06/17/2005 | | M | 8,030 | 12/31/1999 ⁽³⁾ 12/31/2008 | Common Stock 8,030 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-----------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SIRMON GARY C/O BANNER CORP PO BOX 907 WALLA WALLA, WA 99362 | X | | | Chairman of the Board |

Signatures

/s/Gary Sirmon 06/20/2005
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Market price on June 17, 2005.
- (2) Includes direct ownership of 1,756 shares through IRA, 130,705 shares through Deferred Compensation Plan, 11,641 shares through Employee Stock Ownership Plan and 3,300 shares through Profit Sharing Plan.
- (3) Options vest at rate of 20% per year from date of grant on 12/31/98.

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