DIEFENDERFER WILLIAM M III
Form 4
December 23, 2002

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
   Diefenderfer III, William M.
   11600 Sallie Mae Drive
   Reston, VA 20193
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
   SLM Corporation (SLM)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
   12/24/2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
   (X) Director ( ) 10% Owner
   ( ) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other (specify below)
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. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Execution Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amo
			Code	V	Amount	A/D	Price	Securi Benefi Owned Follow Report Transa

TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Execution Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired(A) Disposed(D)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	
	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

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