

SIRMON GARY

Form 4

April 24, 2006

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SIRMON GARY

(Last) (First) (Middle)

10 SOUTH FIRST AVE

(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)
04/20/2006

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)
☒ 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 (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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share (1)	04/20/2006		S ⁽¹⁾	2,500 D	\$ 35.651 235,911 (2)	D	
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share (1)	04/21/2006		S ⁽¹⁾	500 D	\$ 34.95 235,411 (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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)				

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
SIRMON GARY 10 SOUTH FIRST AVE WALLA WALLA, WA 99362	X Chairman of the Board

Signatures

/s/Gary Sirmon 04/21/2006

**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) Sale pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan dated 7/15/05.

Includes direct ownership of 1,756 shares through IRA, 115,730 shares through Deferred Compensation Plan, 11,641 shares through

(2) Employee Stock Ownership Plan and 3,300 shares through Profit Sharing Plan. Number of shares reported reflects that a trade of 2,500 shares on March 3, 2006 at \$31.621704 was not executed as reported.

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