

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
Porter, Jr., A. Alexander
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/Year
12/2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/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. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	2A. Execu- tion Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Year	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of In- direct Bene- ficial Owner- ship
				Amount	A/D	Price			
Common Stock						1694	D		
Common Stock						231500	I	By Limited Partnerships	

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

1.	2.	3.	3A.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
Title of Derivative Security	Deriv- ative Security	(Month/ Day/ Year)	(Month/ Day/ Year)	Transac- tion Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Amount or Number of Shares	9. Price of Derivative Security	10. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of In- direct Bene- ficial Owner- ship
					Acquired(A)	Disposed(D)					
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$86	01/24/2	01/24/2	A	25000		01/24/2012 Common Stock	25000	\$86.0000	25000	D

Explanation of Responses:

These options become exercisable upon the Company's common stock having a closing price on the New York Stock Exchange of \$103.20, for five trading days, they also become exercisable on the fifth anniversary of the grant (January 24, 2007).

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/s/ Mary F. Eure (POA)

DATE
02/10/2003