SEC Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
DIEFENDERFER WILLIAM M III	SLM CORP [SLM]	

(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
11600 SALLIE MAE DRIVE		

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/28/2004

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
X Director	10% Owner
Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)

(Street)
RESTON   VA   20193

(City)	(State)	(Zip)

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

6. 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 (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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to buy)	$37.87	01/29/2004		A		20,445		(1)	01/29/2014	Common Stock	20,445	$0	20,445	D	
Phantom Stock Units	$0 (2)	01/28/2004		A		52.81		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	52.81	$0 (2)	3,254.59	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. These options become exercisable upon (1) the Company's common stock having a closing price on the New York Stock Exchange of $45.44 for five trading days or (2) the Director's election to the SLM Corporation Board at the 2004 annual shareholder meeting, whichever is later. These options also become exercisable on the fifth anniversary of the grant (January 29, 2009).

2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security is 1 to 1.

3. Phantom Stock Units accrued under the Director Deferred Compensation Plan are to be settled in the Company's common stock upon the reporting person's separation from service.

Mary F. Eure (POA)	01/30/2004
** Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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

* 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).

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