FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

[ ] Form 3 Holdings Rep.
[ ] Form 4 Trans. Rep.

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act 1940

1.Name and Address of Reporting Person*	2.Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	6.Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all Applicable)
Lambert III Benjamin J.	USA Education,Inc. (SLM)	X Director / 10% Owner / Officer (give title below) / Other (Specify below)
(Last) (First) (MI)	3.IRS or Soc. Sec. No. of Reporting Person (Voluntary)	4.Statement for Month/Year 01/01/2000
11600 Sallie Mae Drive		
(Street)	5.If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
Reston VA 20193		X Form filed by One Reporting Person / Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		

TABLE I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2.Transaction Date (Mon/Day/Yr)	3.Trans. Code (Instr.8)	4.Security Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5) Amount	(A) (D)	Price	5.Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Own. Form (D) or (I)	7.Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock					$.0000	2075.047	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class securities owned directly or indirectly.
*If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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

1.Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2.Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3.Trans Date (Mon/Day/Year)	4.Transaction Code (Instr.8)	5.Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5) (A)	(D)	6.Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Exercisable	Exp. Date	7.Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	8.Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9.Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year (Instr. 4)	10. Own. Form of Deri. Sec. (D) or Dir. (I)	11.Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Phantom Stock Units		12/31 2000	A	26.3545				Common Stock	60.1005		1743.4245	D	
	(01)					(02)	(02)			(01)			

Explanation of Responses:

(01) Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security is 1 to 1.

(02) 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.

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

/s/Mary F. Eure (POA) 02/14/2001

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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