SIRMON GARY

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SIRMON GARY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol BANNER CORP [BANR]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner __X_ Other (specify

10 SOUTH FIRST AVE

(Month/Day/Year) 02/17/2006

below) Chairman of the Board

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date 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

below)

WALLA WALLA, WA 99362

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative Securities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired (A)	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	or Disposed of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially	Form:	Beneficia
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Owned	Direct (D)	Ownershi
					Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)
				(4)	Reported	(I)	
				(A)	Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	

or

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect

Code V Amount (D)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock.

share (1)

\$.01 par 02/17/2006 value per

216.69 A

Price

238,411 (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)

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					of (D)						(Instr
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					4, and 5)						
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						Exercisable	Date	Title	Number		
						Excicisable	Date		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships

10% Owner Officer Other Director

SIRMON GARY

10 SOUTH FIRST AVE X Chairman of the Board

WALLA WALLA, WA 99362

Signatures

/s/Gary Sirmon 02/21/2006 **Signature of Date Reporting Person

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).
- Phantom Stock Units acquired pursuant to deferred compensation agreement; settled in stock at termination of service.
- Includes direct ownership of 1,756 shares through IRA, 115,730 shares through Deferred Compensation Plan, 11,641 shares through Employee Stock Ownership Plan and 3,300 shares through Profit Sharing Plan.

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