BANNER CORP
Form 4
March 18, 2003

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
Adams, Robert D.	Banner Corporation "BANR"	
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
10 South First Avenue		3/17/03
(Street)		5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
Walla Walla, WA 99362		7. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)
(City) (State) (Zip)		

_X_ Director ___ 10% Owner
___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
_____

XX Form Filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans-action Date (Month/Day/ Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/ Day/Year)	3. Trans-action 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			
Common Stock, $.01 par value per share	3/17/03		M		5,000	A	12.29336	26,989	D	

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

*If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v). SEC 1474 (9-02)

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FORM 4 (continued) 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. Con-version or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans-action Date (Month/ Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date (Month/ Day/Year)	4. Trans-action 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. Number of Deriva-tive Se-curities Benefici- ally Owned Following Reported Trans-action(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Owner-ship Form of Deri-vative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exer-cisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Option to buy Common Stock	12.29336	3/17/03		M			5,000	*	7/26/06	Common Stock	5,000		45,119	D	

Explanation of Responses:

*Options vest at rate of 20% per year from date of grant.

/s/Robert D. Adams 3/18/03

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

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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