

FREEMAN GEORGE C III
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 FREEMAN GEORGE C III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 UNIVERSAL CORP /VA/ [UVVV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1501 NORTH HAMILTON STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/17/2004

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 General Counsel

RICHMOND, VA 23230

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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
Common Stock	12/17/2004		M		7,664	A	\$ 35.67
Common Stock	12/17/2004		F		5,671	D	\$ 48.21
Common Stock	12/17/2004		I		842	D	\$ 48.21
Common Stock	12/17/2004	12/17/2004	S		309	D	\$ 49.06
Common Stock-ESPP							1,924
						I (1)	shares owned in the

Employee
Stock
Purchase
Plan

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)

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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Options to buy Common Stock	\$ 35.67	12/17/2004	12/17/2004	M	7,664	06/05/2003 12/05/2012	Common Stock ⁽²⁾	7,664
Options to buy Common Stock	\$ 47.28	12/17/2004		A	5,671	06/17/2005 12/05/2012	Common Stock ⁽²⁾	5,671

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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1501 NORTH HAMILTON STREET
RICHMOND, VA 23230

General Counsel

Signatures

Terri L. Marks, Power of Attorney for George C. Freeman, III

12/20/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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).

(1) Shares held in the Employee Stock Purchase Plan

(2) Options issued under the Executive Stock Plan

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