

UNIVERSAL CORP /VA/
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ROPER HARTWELL H

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

RICHMOND, VA 23230

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Vice President & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 | 12/17/2004 | M | 12,737 A \$ 38.9375 | 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/17/2004 | 12/17/2004 | M | 44,414 A \$ 42.82 | 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/17/2004 | 12/17/2004 | M | 18,084 A \$ 43.08 | 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/17/2004 | 12/17/2004 | F | 65,897 D \$ 48.21 | 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/17/2004 | 12/17/2004 | I | 3,943 D \$ 48.21 | 70,430 | D | |

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|-----------------|--------|--------------|--|
| Common Stock | 20,658 | I <u>(1)</u> | shares held in the Employee Stock Purchase Plan |
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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--------|---|----------------------------|--------------|--------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| Options to buy Common Stock <u>(2)</u> | \$ 38.9375 | 12/17/2004 | 12/17/2004 | M | | | 12,737 | 06/15/1998 | 11/20/2007 | Common Stock | 12,737 |
| Options to buy Common Stock <u>(2)</u> | \$ 42.82 | 12/17/2004 | 12/17/2004 | M | | | 44,414 | 12/17/2003 | 12/05/2012 | Common Stock | 44,414 |
| Options to buy Common Stock <u>(2)</u> | \$ 43.08 | 12/17/2004 | 12/17/2004 | M | | | 18,084 | 06/17/2004 | 12/02/2009 | Common Stock | 18,084 |
| Options to buy Common Stock <u>(2)</u> | \$ 48.21 | 12/17/2004 | | A | | | 2,206 | 06/17/2005 | 12/02/2009 | Common Stock | 2,206 |
| Options to buy Common Stock <u>(2)</u> | \$ 48.21 | 12/17/2004 | | A | | | 10,288 | 06/17/2005 | 12/15/2007 | Common Stock | 10,288 |
| Options to buy | \$ 48.21 | 12/17/2004 | | A | | | 53,403 | 06/17/2005 | 12/05/2012 | Common Stock | 53,403 |

Common
Stock ⁽²⁾

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ROPER HARTWELL H 1501 N HAMILTON STREET RICHMOND, VA 23230 | | | Vice President & CFO | |

Signatures

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| Terri L. Marks, Power of Attorney for Hartwell H. Roper | 12/20/2004 |
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| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
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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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