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 Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*	Tavares Manuel J.		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	Slade's Ferry Bancorp-SFBC	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)	4. Statement for Month/Day/Year	6. Re to [X] [ ] Se
454 Highland Avenue			036-42-2442	4/2003	7. In (C [X] Fo [ ] Fo Re
(Street)				5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)	
Westport	MA	02790			
(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 (Instr. 4)
Common Stock; \$.01 par value	1/24/03		J(1) V	8.793 A	13.95

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Common Stock; \$.01 par value	3/19/03		J(2)	V	8.000	A	14.08	
Common Stock; \$.01 par value	4/18/03		J(1)	V	8.563	A	14.50	4,584.3
Common Stock; \$.01 par value	1/24/03		J(1)	V	.405	A	13.95	
Common Stock; \$.01 par value	4/18/03		J(1)	V	.390	A	14.50	63.4

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially 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, 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Option (right to buy)	\$16.19	4/14/98		D	15.75	4/14/98 4/13/03	Common Stock (\$0.01 par value)	1,575

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Explanation of Responses:

- D Expiration of stock options without value received
- J(1) Dividend Reinvestment
- J(2) Employee Stock Purchase Plan

/s/ Manuel J. Tavares

4/22/03

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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Date

By authorized signator:

/s/ Isola A. Anctil

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

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