FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name ar		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COOPER COMPANIES INC [COO]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)									
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					3. [Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)									below)	(give title		Other (s below)	pecily	
(Last) (First) (Middle)						10/26/2004									President - CSI					
6140 STONERIDGE MALL DR., SUITE 590																				
							4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable					
(Street)														Line)						
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)											Form fi Person		e than	One Repor	ting		
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Stock Options (Right to	\$68.66	10/26/2004	10/26/20	04	A		20,000		(1)	10	0/25/2014	Common Stock	20,0	000	\$68.66	20,000)	D		

Explanation of Responses:

1. The option vests if the Company's stock price achieves \$76.90, but not earlier than 5/2/05; one-fourth shall vest if Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$82.39, but not earlier than 5/1/06; one-fourth shall vest if the Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$89.26 but not earlier than 5/1/07; and one-fourth shall vest if the Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$96.12 but not earlier than 5/1/08. All options not otherwise vesting pursuant to the above timetable shall become exercisable on October 25, 2009.

<u>Carol R. Kaufman, Sharyl</u> <u>Proscia, or Wendy Stark</u>

10/26/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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