

RHODES BARRY A  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
RHODES BARRY A

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3550 W MARKET ST  
(Street)

AKRON, OH 44333  
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SCHULMAN A INC [SHLM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/21/2005

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)  
V.P. - N. American Sales

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Shares	10/21/2005		A		8,000	A	\$ 0 (1)
					28,200	(2)	D

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)**

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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
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.2	10/21/2005		A	22,000	10/21/2006 <sup>(3)</sup> 10/21/2015	Common Shares	22,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RHODES BARRY A 3550 W MARKET ST AKRON, OH 44333			V.P. - N. American Sales	

## Signatures

/s/ Aaron S. Berke, attorney in fact for Barry A. Rhodes  
 10/25/2005  
 \*\*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) Grant of restricted stock pursuant to the A. Schulman, Inc. 2002 Equity Incentive Plan (a Rule 16b-3 Plan).
- (2) Includes 25,000 shares of restricted stock.
- (3) Pursuant to the A. Schulman, Inc. 2002 Equity Incentive Plan (a Rule 16b-3 Plan), 33% of these shares become exercisable on October 21 of each of the years 2006, 2007 and 2008.
- (4) Award of option pursuant to the A. Schulman, Inc. 2002 Equity Incentive Plan (a Rule 16b-3 Plan).

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