STRAYER EDUCATION INC Form SC 13G December 01, 2004

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Strayer Education Inc.
(Name of Issuer)
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share
(Title of Class of Securities)
863236105
(CUSIP Number)
November 22, 2004
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)
Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed: [] Rule 13d-1(b) [X] Rule 13d-1(c) [] Rule 13d-1(d)
*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON North Sound Capital LLC (1)					
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* [a) [x] (b) []					
3	SEC USE ONLY					
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware					
	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	 6 7	SOLE VOTING POWE 0 SHARED VOTING PO 762,794 SOLE DISPOSITIVE 0 SHARED DISPOSITI 762,794	WER 		
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON					
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*					
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9					
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*					

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The ultimate managing member of North Sound Capital LLC is Thomas McAuley. The Reporting Person may be deemed the beneficial owner of the shares in its capacity as the managing member of North Sound Legacy Fund LLC and North Sound Legacy Institutional Fund LLC and the investment advisor of North Sound Legacy International Ltd. (the "Funds"), who are the holders of such shares. As the managing member or investment advisor, respectively, of the Funds, the Reporting Person has voting and investment control with respect to the shares of common stock held by the Funds.

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Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

Strayer Education Inc.

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

> 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 2500 Arlington, VA 22209

Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing.

Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence.

Item 2(c). Citizenship.

> North Sound Capital LLC 53 Forest Avenue, Suite 202 Old Greenwich, CT 06870

Delaware limited liability company

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share

Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:

863236105

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to ss.ss.240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

Not Applicable

Item 4. Ownership.

> The following is information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in

Item 1:

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 762,794 shares of Common Stock
- (b) Percent of Class:5.20%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) sole power to vote or direct the vote: 0
 - (ii) shared power to vote or direct the vote: 762,794

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- (iii) sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of: 0
- (iv) shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of: 762,794
- Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

Not Applicable

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not Applicable

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company.

Not Applicable

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not Applicable

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not Applicable

Item 10. Certification.

Certification pursuant to ss.240.13d-1(c):

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: December 1, 2004

NORTH SOUND CAPITAL LLC

By: /s/Thomas McAuley

Name: Thomas McAuley

Title: Chief Investment Officer