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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 11)

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VENATOR GROUP, INC.
(formerly named Woolworth Corporation)
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share 980883 10 2 (Title of class of securities) (CUSIP number)

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(Name, address and telephone number of person authorized to receive notices and communications)

January 19, 2001 (Date of event which requires filing of this statement)

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NY2:\1004252\04\L\$VW04!.DOC\56392.0003 13D CUSIP No. 980883 10 2 Page 2 of 15 Pages NAME OF REPORTING PERSON GREENWAY PARTNERS, L.P. S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. 13-3714238 OF ABOVE PERSON - ------CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP: (a) [x] SEC USE ONLY 3 SOURCE OF FUNDS: WC, OO 4 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e): \_ -----6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION: Delaware \_\_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF SOLE VOTING POWER: 2,350,000 SHARES 8 SHARED VOTING POWER: BENEFICIALLY

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OWNED BY

EACH REPORTING	9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER: 2,350,000	
PERSON WITH	10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER: 0	
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON: 2,350,000	
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES:	[_]
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11):	1.7%
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON: PN	

IP No. 980883	10 2	13D	Page 3 of 15 Page	s 
1	NAME OF REPO S.S. OR I.R. OF ABOVE PER	DRTING PERSON S. IDENTIFICATION NO. RSON	GREENTREE PARTNERS, 13-3752875	 L.P.
2	CHECK THE AI	PPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBE	(b)	[x]
3	SEC USE ONLY	 Y		
4	SOURCE OF FU	JNDS:	WC, 00	
5		F DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PRODITEM 2(d) OR 2(e):	_	[_]
6	CITIZENSHIP	OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION		
NUMBER OF SHARES	7 \$	SOLE VOTING POWER:	1,500,900	
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	8 8	SHARED VOTING POWER:	0	
EACH REPORTING	9 \$	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER:		
PERSON WITH	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:	0	
11	AGGREGATE AN	MOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED I	BY REPORTING 1,500,900	
12	CHECK BOX II CERTAIN SHAI	F THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN	ROW (11) EXCLUDES	[_]
13	PERCENT OF (	CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUI	NT IN ROW (11): 1	.1%
14	TYPE OF REPO	ORTING PERSON:	PN	

IP No. 980883	10 2	13D	Page 4 of 15 Page	s 
1	NAME OF REPORTS S.S. OR I.R.S. OF ABOVE PERSON	IDENTIFICATION NO.	GREENHOUSE PARTNERS, 13-3793447	 L.P.
2		DPRIATE BOX IF A MEM	(b)	[x]
3	SEC USE ONLY			
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS		WC, AF, 00	
5		ISCLOSURE OF LEGAL P EM 2(d) OR 2(e):	ROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED	[_]
6		PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	ON: Delaware	
NUMBER OF SHARES		E VOTING POWER:	0	
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	8 SHAI		2,350,000	
EACH REPORTING	9 SOLE	E DISPOSITIVE POWER:	0	
PERSON WITH	10 SHAF	RED DISPOSITIVE POWE	R: 2,350,000	
11	PERSON:	NT BENEFICIALLY OWNE	2,350,000	
12		HE AGGREGATE AMOUNT	IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES	[_]
13	PERCENT OF CLAS	SS REPRESENTED BY AM	OUNT IN ROW (11): 1	.7%
14	TYPE OF REPORT	ING PERSON:	PN	

IP No. 980883	10 2	13D	Page 5 of 15 Pa	iges 
1		FING PERSON IDENTIFICATION NO.		
2		ROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBE	(	a) [x]
3	SEC USE ONLY			
4	SOURCE OF FUN		WC, AF, 00	
5		DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROTEM 2(d) OR 2(e):		[_]
6		R PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	N: Delawa	re
NUMBER OF SHARES		LE VOTING POWER:	0	
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	8 SH.	ARED VOTING POWER:	1,500,900	
EACH REPORTING	9 SO	LE DISPOSITIVE POWER:	0	
PERSON WITH	10 SH.	ARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:	: 1,500,900	
11	PERSON:	UNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED	BY REPORTING 1,500,900	
12		THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN	N ROW (11) EXCLUDES	[_]
13	PERCENT OF CL.	ASS REPRESENTED BY AMOU	JNT IN ROW (11):	1.1%
14	TYPE OF REPOR	TING PERSON:	00	

IP No. 980883	10 2	13D	Page 6 of 15	Pages 
1		.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.	GREENBELT CORP. 13-3791931	
2		PPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBE		(a) [x] (b) [_]
3	SEC USE ONL			
4	SOURCE OF F		00	
5		F DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROC ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e):	_	RED [_]
6	CITIZENSHIP	OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION		ware
NUMBER OF SHARES	7	SOLE VOTING POWER:	11,201,322	
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER:	0	
EACH REPORTING	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER:		
PERSON WITH	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:	0	
11	PERSON:	MOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED 1	11,201,322	
12		F THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN	ROW (11) EXCLUDE	s [_]
13	PERCENT OF	CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOU		8.1%
14	TYPE OF REP		CO	

IP No. 980883	10 2	13D	Page 7 of 15 Pa	ages
1		ORTING PERSON .S. IDENTIFICATION NO. RSON	GREENSEA OFFSHORE,	L.P.
2		PPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBE		(a) [x] (b) [_]
3	SEC USE ONL			
4	SOURCE OF F		WC, 00	
5		F DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PRO	CEEDINGS IS REQUIRE	[ ]
6		OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	: Cayman Islar	nds
NUMBER OF SHARES		SOLE VOTING POWER:		
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY		SHARED VOTING POWER:	0	
EACH REPORTING		SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER:		
PERSON WITH	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:	0	
11	PERSON:	MOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED	2,250,000	
12		F THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN		[_]
13	PERCENT OF	CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOU	NT IN ROW (11):	
14	TYPE OF REP	ORTING PERSON:	PN	

IP No. 980883	10 2	13D	Page 8 of 15 F	ages
1		TING PERSON IDENTIFICATION NO.		L.L.C.
2		COPRIATE BOX IF A MEME		(a) [x] (b) [_]
3	SEC USE ONLY			
4	SOURCE OF FUND		WC, AF, OC	)
5		DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PR		RED [_]
6	CITIZENSHIP OF	R PLACE OF ORGANIZATION		
NUMBER OF SHARES	7 SOI	E VOTING POWER:	0	
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	8 SHA		2,250,000	
EACH REPORTING	9 SOI	E DISPOSITIVE POWER:	0	
PERSON WITH	10 SHA	RED DISPOSITIVE POWER	R: 2,250,000	
11	PERSON:	NT BENEFICIALLY OWNER	2,250,000	
12		HE AGGREGATE AMOUNT 1		[_]
13	PERCENT OF CLA	ASS REPRESENTED BY AMO	DUNT IN ROW (11):	1.6%
14	TYPE OF REPORT	ING PERSON:	00	

IP No. 980883	10 2	13D	Page 9 of 15 E	Pages
1		'ING PERSON IDENTIFICATION NO. N	ALFRED D. KINGSLE	 EY
2		OPRIATE BOX IF A MEMB		(a) [x] (b) [_]
3	SEC USE ONLY			
4	SOURCE OF FUND		PF, AF, OC	)
5		DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PR		RED [_]
6		PLACE OF ORGANIZATIO	N: United Stat	
NUMBER OF SHARES		E VOTING POWER:	832,300	
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	8 SHA	RED VOTING POWER:	17,302,222	
EACH REPORTING	9 SOL	E DISPOSITIVE POWER:	832,300	
PERSON WITH	10 SHA	RED DISPOSITIVE POWER		
11	PERSON:	NT BENEFICIALLY OWNED	18,134,522	
12		HE AGGREGATE AMOUNT I		[_]
13	PERCENT OF CLA	SS REPRESENTED BY AMO	UNT IN ROW (11):	13.1%
14	TYPE OF REPORT	'ING PERSON:	IN	

IP No. 980883	10 2	13D 	Page 10 of 15 F	Pages
1		G PERSON DENTIFICATION NO.	GARY K. DUBERSTE	IN
2		RIATE BOX IF A MEMBE		(a) [x] (b) [_]
3	SEC USE ONLY			
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS:		PF, AF, OC	)
5	CHECK BOX IF DIS	CLOSURE OF LEGAL PRO 2(d) OR 2(e):		RED [_]
6	CITIZENSHIP OR P	LACE OF ORGANIZATION		
NUMBER OF SHARES	7 SOLE	VOTING POWER:	0	
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	8 SHARE	D VOTING POWER:	17,302,222	
EACH REPORTING	9 SOLE	DISPOSITIVE POWER:	0	
PERSON WITH	10 SHARE	D DISPOSITIVE POWER:	17,302,222	
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT PERSON:	BENEFICIALLY OWNED	BY REPORTING 17,302,222	
12	CHECK BOX IF THE CERTAIN SHARES:	AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN	ROW (11) EXCLUDES	[_]
13	PERCENT OF CLASS	REPRESENTED BY AMOU	UNT IN ROW (11):	12.5%
 14	TYPE OF REPORTING	G PERSON:	IN	

This Amendment No. 11 ("Amendment No. 11") amends the Statement on Schedule 13D (the "Schedule 13D") filed on May 18, 1998, as amended by Amendment No. 1 filed on June 5, 1998, Amendment No. 2 filed on July 7, 1998, Amendment No. 3 filed on August 23, 1998, Amendment No. 4 filed on October 2, 1998, Amendment No. 5 filed on December 1, 1998, Amendment No. 6 filed on January 6, 1999, Amendment No. 7 filed on January 29, 1999, Amendment No. 8 filed on March 12, 1999, Amendment No. 9 filed on March 25, 1999 and Amendment No. 10 filed on March 13, 2000 and is filed by and on behalf of Greenway Partners, L.P. ("Greenway"), Greentree Partners, L.P. ("Greentree"), Greenhouse Partners, L.P. ("Greenhouse"), Greenhut, L.L.C. ("Greenhut"), Greenbelt Corp. ("Greenbelt"), Greensea Offshore, L.P. ("Greensea"), Greenhut Overseas, L.L.C. ("Greenhut Overseas"), Alfred D. Kingsley ("Kingsley") and Gary K. Duberstein ("Duberstein"; the foregoing persons being referred to collectively as the "Reporting Persons"). Capitalized terms used herein and not defined herein have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Schedule 13D.

Except as indicated above, the information set forth in Item 2 of the Schedule 13D remains unchanged.

#### ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF THE TRANSACTION

On January 19, 2001, Greenway delivered a letter to the Issuer addressed to Dale N. Hilpert, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (the "January 19 Letter"). The January 19 Letter sets forth, among other things, recommendations regarding the Issuer's business strategy. A copy of the January 19 Letter is filed as Exhibit 20 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

 $\,$  Except as indicated above, the information set forth in Item 4 of the Schedule 13D remains unchanged.

## ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

(a) As of the date of this Statement, the Reporting Persons beneficially owned in the aggregate 18,134,522 Shares constituting 13.1% of the outstanding Shares (the percentage of Shares owned being based upon 138,028,871 Shares outstanding on December 1, 2000, as set forth in the Issuer's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended October 28,2000). The Reporting Persons may be deemed to have direct beneficial ownership of Shares as follows:

		Approximate
	Number of	Percentage of
Name	Shares	Outstanding Shares
Greenway	2,350,000	1.7%
Greentree	1,500,900	1.1%
Greenbelt	11,201,322	8.1%
Greensea	2,250,000	1.6%
Kingsley	832,300	0.6%

Greenhouse, as the general partner of Greenway, may be deemed to own beneficially (as that term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) Shares of which Greenway may be deemed to possess direct beneficial ownership. Each of Kingsley and Duberstein, as general partners of Greenhouse, may be deemed to beneficially own Shares which

Greenhouse may be deemed to beneficially own. Each of Kingsley and Duberstein disclaims beneficial ownership of such Shares for all other purposes.

Greenhut, as the general partner of Greentree, may be deemed to own beneficially (as that term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) Shares of which Greentree may be deemed to possess direct beneficial ownership. Each of Kingsley and Duberstein, as members of Greenhut, may be deemed to beneficially own Shares which Greenhut may be deemed to beneficially own. Each of Kingsley and Duberstein disclaims beneficial ownership of such Shares for all other purposes.

Greenhut Overseas, as the investment general partner of Greensea, may be deemed to own beneficially (as that term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) Shares of which Greensea may be deemed to possess direct beneficial ownership. Each of Kingsley and Duberstein, as members of Greenhut Overseas, may be deemed to beneficially own Shares which Greenhut Overseas may be deemed to beneficially own. Each of Kingsley and Duberstein disclaims beneficial ownership of such Shares for all other purposes.

Greenbelt has direct beneficial ownership of the Shares in the accounts that it manages. Each of Kingsley and Duberstein, as executive officers and directors of Greenbelt, may be deemed to beneficially own Shares that Greenbelt beneficially owns. Each of Kingsley and Duberstein hereby disclaims beneficial ownership of such Shares for all other purposes.

(b) Greenway has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 2,350,000 Shares and the sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of such Shares. Greenhouse and Kingsley and Duberstein may be deemed to share with Greenway the power to vote or to direct the vote and to dispose or to direct the disposition of such Shares.

Greentree has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 1,500,900 Shares and the sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of such Shares. Greenhut, Kingsley and Duberstein may be deemed to share with Greentree the power to vote or to direct the vote and to dispose or to direct the disposition of such Shares.

Greensea has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 2,250,000 Shares and the sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of such Shares. Greenhut Overseas, Kingsley and Duberstein may be deemed to share with Greensea the power to vote or to direct the vote and to dispose or to direct the disposition of such Shares.

Greenbelt has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 11,201,322 Shares and the sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of such Shares. Kingsley and Duberstein may be deemed to share with Greenbelt the power to vote or to direct the vote and to dispose or to direct the disposition of such Shares.

Kingsley has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 832,300 Shares and the sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of such Shares.

(c) Information concerning transactions in the Shares by the Reporting Persons during the last sixty days is set forth in Exhibit 21, attached hereto, which is incorporated herein by reference.

(d) No other person is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the Shares, except the dividends from, or proceeds from the sale of Shares in each respective account managed by Greenbelt will be delivered into each such respective account, as the case may be. No such individual account has an interest in more than five percent of the class of outstanding Shares.

(e) Not applicable.

## ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS

The following Exhibits are filed herewith:

 $\,$  20. January 19 Letter from Greenway to Dale N. Hilpert, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Issuer.

 $\,$  21. Information concerning transactions in the Shares effected by the Reporting Persons during the past sixty days.

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## SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of their knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information contained in this Statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: January 19, 2001

GREENHOUSE PARTNERS, L.P.

By: /s/ Gary K. Duberstein

Gary K. Duberstein General Partner

GREENHUT, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Gary K. Duberstein

Gary K. Duberstein

Member

GREENHUT OVERSEAS, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Gary K. Duberstein

Gary K. Duberstein

Member

GREENWAY PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Greenhouse Partners, L.P.

General Partner

By: /s/ Gary K. Duberstein

Gary K. Duberstein

General Partner

GREENTREE PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Greenhut, L.L.C.

General Partner

By: /s/ Gary K. Duberstein

Gary K. Duberstein

Member

GREENSEA OFFSHORE, L.P.

By: Greenhut Overseas, L.L.C.

Investment General Partner

By: /s/ Gary K. Duberstein

Gary K. Duberstein

Member

GREENBELT CORP.

By: /s/ Alfred D. Kingsley

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Alfred D. Kingsley

President

/s/ Alfred D. Kingsley

ALFRED D. KINGSLEY

/s/ Gary K. Duberstein

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GARY K. DUBERSTEIN

# EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NO.	DESCRIPTION				
20.	January 19 Letter from Greenway to Dale N. Hilpert, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Issuer.				
21.	Information concerning transactions in the Shares effected by the Reporting Persons during the past sixty days.				

#### [LETTERHEAD OF GREENWAY PARTNERS, L.P.]

January 19, 2001

Mr. Dale W. Hilpert
Chairman of the Board and
Chief Executive Officer
Venator Group, Inc.
112 West 34th Street
New York, NY 10120

Dear Dale:

As long term investors in Venator Group, Inc. with over 18 million shares, we look back on the year 2000 with some satisfaction. By the beginning of 2000, with the majority of its peripheral businesses sold or held for sale, the Company truly focused on its core competence as the leading US seller of athletic footwear and apparel. And, we believe such focus has paid off handsomely. Although we are all waiting for final numbers as time winds down to your January 31 fiscal year end, all available information points to an extremely strong year for the Athletic Group.

With athletic shoes back in fashion, the Athletic Group posted double digit comparable store sales numbers for the first three quarters of fiscal year 2000. Foot Locker is clearly the dominant seller of athletic footwear in the United States, selling we believe over one-third of the marque priced goods and using its purchasing power to lock-up substantial quantities of high margin exclusive product. Adding to the excitement has been the tremendous strides made by Foot Locker in Europe, where the Company has directed a majority of its capital expenditures and has been rewarded by comparable store sales reports of over 40% in certain quarters. While Foot Locker may have enough stores in the United States (and may continue to close marginal performers), it appears that opportunities for profitable growth abound in barely tapped overseas markets and through a solid Internet strategy integrated with stores and catalogues. Similarly, we believe that the Athletic Group's Champs Sports operation with a revitalized merchandise strategy has enjoyed a turnaround during 2000.

All this has led to improved financial strength for the Company. You have announced that the Company expects at year end to have no short-term debt and a \$100 million decrease in long-term debt since the prior year end. The stock price has also responded positively during 2000, more than doubling from \$7 to \$15 1/2 per share at year end.

Mr. Dale W. Hilpert January 19, 2001 Page 2

As we look to 2001, we have the following suggestions for your consideration:

- 1. INSTITUTE A CASH DIVIDEND AND BUY BACK SHARES. The Company's health has improved markedly since it entered into the March 1999 credit agreement amendments that restricted the payment of dividends and the buy back of shares. In light of your statements about the Company's superlative debt reduction achievements, it seems to us the banks should be amenable to allowing the payment of a dividend and the buy back of shares by the Company. We believe that the market will take such initiatives as a vote of confidence by the Company in itself. The reinstatement of a dividend will return the Company to a proud dividend paying tradition that lasted for 83 years from 1912 to 1995, and will no doubt be warmly embraced by your many retirees who devoted their working lives to the Company and still own the stock. Also, as you know, many institutions are precluded from owning stocks which do not pay dividends. So the institution of a small cash dividend—say five cents per quarter—will increase the universe of potential buyers of the stock.
- 2. DEAL DECISIVELY WITH THE NORTHERN GROUP. From an operations perspective, management is left only with the Northern group--representing less than 10% of sales--as a disappointing performer. Management has made clear that its goal, at least over the past year, has been to improve results at this last major non-athletic group holding in preparation for a sale. Possibly the time has come to accelerate the timetable for the sale of this women's sportswear operation or, at the very least, to classify it as an asset held for sale.
- 3. DARE WE ASK AGAIN: "WHAT'S IN A NAME?" Several years have passed since the Company discarded one of the best known names in the world for one still apt to be mispronounced. With the Company now rightly focused on its

Athletic Group, why not rename the entire company after the well known flagship stores that now power its progress? LET THE FOOT LOCKER NAME IDENTIFY THE COMPANY ON WALL STREET AS WELL AS ON MAIN STREET.

With best regards and hopes for continued success in 2001,

Very truly yours,

/s/ Alfred D. Kingsley

Alfred D. Kingsley

/s/ Gary K. Duberstein

Gary K. Duberstein

Exhibit 21

# TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES OF THE ISSUER

The Reporting Persons engaged in the following transactions in Shares of the Issuer during the past 60 days. All such transactions involved sales of Shares and were effected on The New York Stock Exchange.

Reporting Person With Direct Beneficial Ownership	Date of Transaction	Number of Shares	Price per Share (Excluding Commissions)
Greenbelt	11/20/00	(50 <b>,</b> 000)	\$13.8155
Greenbelt	11/21/00	(50,000)	\$13.9000
Greenbelt	12/05/00	(25,000)	\$14.3750
Greenbelt	12/11/00	(25,000)	\$14.5000
Greenbelt	12/22/00	(50,000)	\$14.5066