MENTOR CORP /MN/ Form SC 13D/A August 11, 2003

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

SCHEDULE 13D

Amendment No. 5

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934\*

Mentor Corporation

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, Par Value \$0.10 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

587188103

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(CUSIP Number)

George F. Hamel, Jr.
ValueAct Capital
One Maritime Plaza, Suite 1400
San Francisco, CA 94111
(415) 362-3700

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

August 4, 2003

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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 240.13d-1(b) (e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g) check the following box [].

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1.	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON/S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (entities only)				
	ValueAct Capital Partners, L.P				
2.	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (A) [X] (B) []				
3.	SEC USE ONLY				
4.	SOURCE OF FUNDS				
	WC*				
5.	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(D) OR 2(E)				
6.	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION				
	Delaware				
	7. SOLE VOTING POWER				
NUMBER OF	0				
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY	8. SHARED VOTING POWER				
OWNED BY	4,726,486**				
EACH REPORTING	9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER				
PERSON WITH:	0				
	10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER				
	4,726,486**				
11.	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSO	N			
	4,726,486**				
12.	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*				
13.	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)				
	10.13%				
14.	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON				
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1.	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON/S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (entities only)		
	ValueAct Capital Partners II, L.P		
2.	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (A) [X]		
3.	SEC USE ONLY		
4.	SOURCE OF FUNDS		
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NUMBER OF	0		
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OWNED BY	519,891**		
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11.	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON		
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12.	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES* [ ]		
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	ValueAct Capital International Ltd.				
2.	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (A) [X] (B) []				
3.	SEC USE ONLY				
4.	SOURCE OF FUNDS				
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6.	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION				
	British Virgin Islands				
	7. SOLE VOTING POWER				
NUMBER OF	0				
SHARES BENEFICIALLY	8. SHARED VOTING POWER				
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REPORTING PERSON	9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER				
WITH:	0				
	10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER				
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11.	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON				
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12.	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*				
13.	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)				
	2.71%				

14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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SCHEDULE 13D CUSIP No. 532192101 Page 5 of 15 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON/S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (entities only) VA Partners, L.L.C. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (A) [X] 2.. (B) [ ] SEC USE ONLY \_\_\_\_\_\_ SOURCE OF FUNDS 00\* CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(D) OR 2(E) \_\_\_\_\_\_ CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION United States SOLE VOTING POWER NUMBER OF SHARES SHARED VOTING POWER 8. BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 6,511,518\*\* EACH REPORTING 9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER PERSON WITH: 0 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 6,511,518\*\* 11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 6,511,518\*\* 12. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

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2.	Jeffrey W. Ubben  CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (A) [X]  (B) [ ]			
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6.	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION			
	United States			
	7.	SOLE VOTING POWER		
NUMBER OF		0		
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THE PURPOSE OF THIS AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO SCHEDULE 13D IS TO AMEND THE SCHEDULE 13D FILED BY THE REPORTING PERSONS ON MARCH 12, 2001. THE INFORMATION BELOW SUPPLEMENTS THE INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED.

#### ITEM 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER.

This Schedule 13D relates to shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.10 par value per share (the "Common Stock"), of Mentor Corporation., a Minnesota corporation (the "Issuer"). The address of the principal executive offices of the Issuer is 201 Mentor Drive, Santa Barbara, California, 93111.

#### ITEM 2. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND.

(a), (b), (c) and (f). This Statement is filed jointly by (a) ValueAct Capital Partners, L.P. ("ValueAct Partners"), (b) ValueAct Capital Partners II, L.P. ("ValueAct Partners II"), (c) ValueAct Capital International, Ltd. ("ValueAct International"), (d) VA Partners, L.L.C. ("VA Partners"), (e) Jeffrey W. Ubben, (f) George F. Hamel, Jr. and (g) Peter H. Kamin (collectively, the "Reporting Persons").

ValueAct Partners and ValueAct Partners II are each Delaware limited partnerships, the principal business of which is investing in securities. ValueAct International is a Company organized in the British Virgin Islands. The principal business of each entity is investing in securities. Each has a principal business address of One Maritime Plaza, Suite 1400, San Francisco, California 94111.

VA Partners is a Delaware limited liability company, the principal business of which is to render investment management services to ValueAct International and to serve as the General Partner of ValueAct Partners and ValueAct Partners II. VA Partners has a principal business address of One Maritime Plaza, Suite 1400, San Francisco, California 94111.

(a), (b), (c) Messrs. Ubben, Hamel and Kamin are each managing members, principal owners and controlling persons of VA Partners, and directors and

principal executive officers of ValueAct International, and such activities constitute their principal occupations. Such individuals are sometimes collectively referred to herein as the "Managing Members" or individually as a "Managing Member". Each Managing Member is a United States citizen and has a principal business address of One Maritime Plaza, Suite 1400, San Francisco, California 94111.

(d) and (e). None of the entities or persons identified in this Item 2 has during the past five years been convicted of any criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors), nor been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

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#### ITEM 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION.

The source of funds used for the purchase of the Issuer's securities was the working capital of ValueAct Partners II and ValueAct International. The aggregate funds used by the Reporting Persons to make the purchases were \$1,236,198 and \$11,057,930.12, respectively.

#### ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION.

The Reporting Persons have acquired the Issuer's Common Stock for investment purposes, and such purchases have been made in the Reporting Persons' ordinary course of business.

In pursuing such investment purposes, the Reporting Persons may further purchase, hold, vote, trade, dispose or otherwise deal in the Common Stock at times, and in such manner, as they deem advisable to benefit from changes in market prices of such Common Stock, changes in the Issuer's operations, business strategy or prospects, or from sale or merger of the Issuer. To evaluate such alternatives, the Reporting Persons will routinely monitor the Issuer's operations, prospects, business development, management, competitive and strategic matters, capital structure, and prevailing market conditions, as well as alternative investment opportunities, liquidity requirements of the Reporting Persons and other investment considerations. Consistent with its investment research methods and evaluation criteria, the Reporting Persons may discuss such matters with management or directors of the Issuer, other shareholders, industry analysts, existing or potential strategic partners or competitors, investment and financing professionals, sources of credit and other investors. Such factors and discussions may materially affect, and result in, the Reporting Persons' modifying their ownership of Common Stock, exchanging information with the Issuer pursuant to appropriate confidentiality or similar agreements, proposing changes in the Issuer's operations, governance or capitalization, or in proposing one or more of the other actions described in subsections (a) through (j) of this Item 4.

The Reporting Persons reserve the right to formulate other plans and/or make other proposals, and take such actions with respect to their investment in the Issuer, including any or all of the actions set forth in paragraphs (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D, or acquire additional Common Stock or dispose of all the Common Stock beneficially owned by them, in public market or privately negotiated transactions. The Reporting Persons may at any time

reconsider and change their plans or proposals relating to the foregoing.

#### ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

(a), (b). Set forth below is the beneficial ownership of shares of Common Stock of the Issuer for each person named in Item 2. Shares reported as beneficially owned by each of ValueAct Partners, ValueAct Partners II and ValueAct International are also reported as beneficially owned by VA Partners, as investment manager or General Partner of each of such investment partnerships, and by the Managing Members as controlling persons of the General Partner. VA Partners and the Managing Members also, directly or indirectly, may own interests in one or both of such partnerships from time to time. Unless otherwise indicated below, by reason of such relationships each of the partnerships is reported as having shared power to vote or to direct the vote, and shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of, such shares of Common Stock with VA Partners and the Managing Members.

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ValueAct Partners is the beneficial owner of 4,726,486 shares of Common Stock, representing approximately 10.13% of the Issuer's outstanding Common Stock. ValueAct Partners II is the beneficial owner of 519,891 shares of Common Stock, representing approximately 1.11% of the Issuer's outstanding Common Stock. ValueAct International is the beneficial owner of 1,265,141 shares of Common Stock, representing approximately 2.71% of the Issuer's outstanding Common Stock. VA Partners and each of the Managing Members may be deemed the beneficial owner of an aggregate of 6,511,518 shares of Issuer Common Stock, representing approximately 13.96% of the Issuer's outstanding Common Stock. All percentages set forth in this Schedule 13D are based upon the Issuer's reported 46,654,512 outstanding shares of Common Stock as reported in the Issuer's Form 10-K for the period ended March 31, 2003.

(c) The following transactions in the Issuer's Common Stock were effected by the Reporting Persons during the sixty (60) days preceding the date of this report. All of such transactions represent open market transactions.

Reporting Person	Trade Date	Shares	Price/Share
Value Partners II	08-04-03 08-04-03	30,000 30,000	\$20.55 \$20.54
Value International	08-04-03 08-04-03 08-05-03 08-05-03	97,300 142,700 164,400 35,600 100,000	\$20.55 \$20.54 \$20.60 \$20.16 \$19.97

(d) and (e) Not applicable.

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ITEM 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS OR RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

Other than as described elsewhere in this Report, the Reporting Persons have no understandings, arrangements, relationships or contracts relating to the Issuer's Common Stock which are required to be described thereunder.

ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS

1. Joint Filing Agreement

Dated: August 7, 2003

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#### SIGNATURES

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

#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below on this Schedule 13D hereby constitutes and appoints Jeffrey W. Ubben, George F. Hamel, Jr. and Peter H. Kamin, and each of them, with full power to act without the other, his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities (until revoked in writing) to sign any and all amendments to this Schedule 13D, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, thereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or their or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

ValueAct Capital Partners L.P., by
VA Partners, L.L.C., its General Partner

By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr.

Dated: August 7, 2003

George F. Hamel, Jr., Managing Member

ValueAct Capital Partners II L.P., by
VA Partners, L.L.C., its General Partner

By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr.

Dated: August 7, 2003

George F. Hamel, Jr., Managing Member

ValueAct Capital International, Ltd., by
VA Partners, L.L.C., its investment manager

George F. Hamel, Jr., Managing Member

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By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr.

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VA Partners, L.L.C.

By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr.

Dated: August 7, 2003

George F. Hamel, Jr., Managing Member

By: /s/ Jeffrey W. Ubben

Dated: August 7, 2003 Jeffrey W. Ubben, Managing Member

By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr.

Dated: August 7, 2003 George F. Hamel, Jr., Managing Member

By: /s/ Peter H. Kamin

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Dated: August 7, 2003 Peter H. Kamin, Managing Member

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#### EXHIBIT A JOINT FILING UNDERTAKING

The undersigned parties hereby agree that the Schedule 13D filed herewith (and any amendments thereto) relating to the Common Stock of Mentor Corporation is being filed jointly on behalf of each of them with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

> ValueAct Capital Partners L.P., by VA Partners, L.L.C., its General Partner

By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr.

Dated: August 7, 2003 George F. Hamel, Jr., Managing Member

> ValueAct Capital Partners II L.P., by VA Partners, L.L.C., its General Partner

By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr.

Dated: August 7, 2003 George F. Hamel, Jr., Managing Member

> ValueAct Capital International, Ltd., by VA Partners, L.L.C., its investment manager

By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr.

Dated:	August 7, 2003	George F. Hamel, Jr., Managing Member
		VA Partners, L.L.C.
		By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr.
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		By: /s/ Peter H. Kamin
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