

SPARKS WILLIAM B JR
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FORM 4

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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 *
 SPARKS WILLIAM B JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GREIF INC [GEF,GEF.B]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 425 WINTER ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/07/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President and COO

DELAWARE, OH 43015

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Class A Common Stock	04/07/2005		M		17,000 A \$ 30	23,271	D
Class A Common Stock	04/07/2005		M		15,000 A \$ 31.75	38,271	D
Class A Common Stock	04/07/2005		S		32,000 D \$ 74.97	6,271	D
Class B Common						3,448	D

Stock

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)

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	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Class A Common Stock Options	\$ 30	04/07/2005		M	17,000	09/03/1999 09/03/2007		Class A Common Stock	17,000
Class A Common Stock Options	\$ 31.75	04/07/2005		M	15,000	09/02/2000 09/02/2008		Class A Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SPARKS WILLIAM B JR 425 WINTER ROAD DELAWARE, OH 43015	X		President and COO	

Signatures

William B. Sparks, Jr. by John K. Dieker pursuant to a POA filed with the Commission.

04/08/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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