#### **BLUE NILE INC**

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement BLUE NILE INC [NILE]  **GASTON DWIGHT** (Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2005 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O BLUE NILE, INC., 705 (Check all applicable) FIFTH AVENUE S, STE 900 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director \_X\_\_ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Senior VP Person SEATTLE, WAÂ 98104 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock D 22,800 Common Stock 2,691 I By Wife Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4. C	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
Security	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option (right to buy)	07/15/2001(1)	02/24/2012	Common Stock	1,600	\$ 0.25	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	02/21/2006(2)	07/26/2014	Common Stock	18,000	\$ 30	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	05/17/2000(3)	06/25/2009	Common Stock	22,500	\$ 0.5	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	08/26/2002(4)	02/24/2012	Common Stock	9,600	\$ 0.25	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	08/26/2003(5)	10/14/2012	Common Stock	4,800	\$ 0.25	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	08/26/2004(6)	10/08/2013	Common Stock	27,200	\$ 8.75	D	Â

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
<b></b>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
GASTON DWIGHT C/O BLUE NILE, INC. 705 FIFTH AVENUE S, STE 900 SEATTLE, WA 98104	Â	Â	Senior VP	Â	

# **Signatures**

/s/ Dwight Gaston	09/09/2005		
**Signature of	Date		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) 25% of the option shares vest one year after July 15, 2000 and one-forty-eighth of the option shares vest in equal monthly installments over the following thirty-six months.
- (2) 25% of the option shares vest one year after February 21, 2005 and one-forty-eighth of the option shares vest in equal monthly installments over the following thirty-six months.
- (3) 25% of the option shares vest one year after May 17, 1999 and one-forty-eighth of the option shares vest in equal monthly installments over the following thirty-six months.
- (4) 25% of the option shares vest one year after August 26, 2001 and one-forty-eighth of the option shares vest in equal monthly installments over the following thirty-six months.
- (5) 25% of the option shares vest one year after August 26, 2002 and one-forty-eighth of the option shares vest in equal monthly installments over the following thirty-six months.

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(6) 25% of the option shares vest one year after August 26, 2003 and one-forty-eighth of the option shares vest in equal monthly installments over the following thirty-six months.

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