

BLUE NILE INC  
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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 \*  
GASTON DWIGHT

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BLUE NILE, INC., 705 FIFTH AVENUE S, STE 900

(Street)

SEATTLE, WA 98104

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BLUE NILE INC [NILE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/22/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

VP of Operations

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	12/22/2004		M	99	A \$ 0.5	25,590	D
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	12/22/2004		S <sup>(1)</sup>	99	D \$ 26.58	25,491	D
Common Stock	12/22/2004		M	99	A \$ 0.5	25,590	D
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	12/22/2004		S <sup>(1)</sup>	99	D \$ 26.53	25,491	D
Common Stock	12/22/2004		M	200	A \$ 0.5	25,691	D

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Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	12/22/2004	S <sup>(1)</sup>	200 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 26.55	25,491	D
Common Stock	12/22/2004	M	15	A	\$ 0.5	25,506	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	12/22/2004	S <sup>(1)</sup>	15 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 26.71	25,491	D
Common Stock	12/22/2004	M	87	A	\$ 0.5	25,578	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	12/22/2004	S <sup>(1)</sup>	87 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 26.5	25,491	D

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)	8. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 0.5	12/22/2004		M	99	<u>(2)</u> 06/26/2009	Common Stock	99	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 0.5	12/22/2004		M	99	<u>(2)</u> 06/26/2009	Common Stock	99	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 0.5	12/22/2004		M	200	<u>(2)</u> 06/26/2009	Common Stock	200	
	\$ 0.5	12/22/2004		M	15	<u>(2)</u> 06/26/2009		15	

Stock Options (Right to Buy)								Common Stock	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 0.5	12/22/2004		M	87	<u>(2)</u>	06/26/2009	Common Stock	87

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Diane M. Irvine, Power of Attorney  
12/27/2004

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(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) This sale was affected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Not applicable.

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