BLUE NILE INC Form 4 August 04, 2006

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CAVENS DARRELL	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BLUE NILE INC [NILE]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	, , ,			
C/O BLUE NILE, INC., 705 FIFTH AVENUE S, STE 900	(Month/Day/Year) 08/02/2006	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior VP			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
SEATTLE, WA 98104	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) (.	Table Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ities Acc	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securi		*	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)	• •	any	Code	(D)	•		Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Owned Following	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A) or		Reported Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	08/02/2006		M	1,400	A	\$ 0.25	5,600	D	
Common Stock (1)	08/02/2006		S	1,400 (1)	D	\$ 31.1	4,200	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	of Derivative Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 0.25	08/02/2006	08/02/2006	M	1,400	(2)	02/25/2012	Common Stock	1,400

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

Senior VP

Signatures

SEATTLE, WA 98104

/s/ Darrell Cavens 08/04/2006

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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 September 6, 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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