

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

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

DELAWARE, OH 43015

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/01/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	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)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Derivative Security			or Disposed of (D)		Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
			(D)	(D)								
Phantom Stock Units (Cash Only Rights)	\$ 55.6	05/01/2007	A	224.82					08/08/1988 <sup>(1)</sup>	08/08/1988 <sup>(1)</sup>	Class A Common Stock	224

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

William B. Sparks, Jr. by John K. Dieker pursuant to a POA filed with the Commission. 05/01/2007

\*\*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) The units are to be settled in cash upon the reporting person's retirement from the Board.
  - (2) Adjusted to reflect a 2 for 1 stock split paid April 11, 2007.

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