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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

RUHE STAN J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GERMAN AMERICAN BANCORP [GABC]				Iss	Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1117 UNIVERSITY DRIVE			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2005					Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT			
	(Street)	Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
JASPER, IN					Per	Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Yea	emed ion Date, if /Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Ownership Inc Form: Be Direct (D) Ov	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
COMMON STOCK	02/15/2005			Code V	Amount 3,462	or (D)	Price \$ 15.295	(Instr. 3 and 4) 11,739	D		
COMMON STOCK	02/15/2005			M	2,066	A	\$ 11.9292	13,805	D		
COMMON STOCK	02/15/2005			M	504	A	\$ 12.5256	14,309	D		
COMMON STOCK	02/15/2005			M	1,508	A	\$ 14.585	15,817	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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Am Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 11.9292	02/15/2005		М	(-)	2,066	<u>(1)</u>	07/01/2005	COMMON STOCK
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 12.5256	02/15/2005		M		504	(3)	02/15/2006	COMMON STOCK
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 14.585	02/15/2005		M		1,508	<u>(4)</u>	02/15/2007	COMMON STOCK
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 15.295	02/15/2005		A	1,611		02/15/2006	07/01/2005	COMMON STOCK
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 15.295	02/15/2005		A	413		02/15/2006	02/15/2006	COMMON STOCK
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO	\$ 15.295	02/15/2005		A	1,438		02/15/2006	02/15/2007	COMMON STOCK

BUY)

EMPLOYEE STOCK

OPTION \$ 15.295 02/15/2005 A 2,250 (6) 02/15/2010 COMMON STOCK

(RIGHT TO BUY)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

RUHE STAN J

1117 UNIVERSITY DRIVE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

JASPER, IN 47546

Signatures

Stan J Ruhe 02/17/2005

**Signature of 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 option was granted on July 1, 2000 and becomes exercisable in 20% increments on each of the first five anniversary dates of the Grant Date.
- (2) Exercise of Option
- (3) The option was granted on Feb. 15, 2001 and becomes exercisable in 20% increments on each of the first five anniversary dates of the Grant Date.
- (4) The option was granted on Feb. 15, 2002 and becomes exercisable in 20% increments on each of the first five anniversary dates of the Grant Date.
- (5) Grant of Option
- (6) The option is exercisable in 20% increments on each of the first five anniversary dates of the Grant Date.

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