

CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**FAIRBANK RICHARD D**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORP [COF]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**1680 CAPITAL ONE DRIVE**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/15/2005**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chairman, CEO and President**

**MCLEAN, VA 22102**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 or Price		
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	03/15/2005		M		255,640 A \$ 9.73	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	03/15/2005		S		13,200 D \$ 78.1	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	03/15/2005		S		500 D \$ 78.11	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	03/15/2005		S		1,100 D \$ 78.12	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	03/15/2005		S		500 D \$ 78.13	D	

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Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	03/15/2005	S	1,100	D	\$ 78.15	2,402,626	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	03/15/2005	S	700	D	\$ 78.17	2,401,926	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	03/15/2005	S	1,100	D	\$ 78.18	2,400,826	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	03/15/2005	S	1,800	D	\$ 78.2	2,399,026	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	03/15/2005	S	11,000	D	\$ 78.25	2,388,026	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	03/15/2005	S	10,000	D	\$ 78.3	2,378,026	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	03/15/2005	S	10,000	D	\$ 78.5	2,368,026	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	03/15/2005	S	10,000	D	\$ 78.68	2,358,026	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	03/15/2005	S	9,400	D	\$ 78.9	2,348,626	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	03/15/2005	S	100	D	\$ 78.91	2,348,526	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	03/15/2005	S	100	D	\$ 78.92	2,348,426	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	03/15/2005	S	100	D	\$ 78.95	2,348,326	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	03/15/2005	S	1,500	D	\$ 79	2,346,826	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	03/15/2005	S	100	D	\$ 79.03	2,346,726	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	03/15/2005	S	18,200	D	\$ 79.05	2,328,526	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	03/15/2005	S	5,400	D	\$ 79.06	2,323,126	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	03/15/2005	S	3,500	D	\$ 79.08	2,319,626	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	03/15/2005	S	200	D	\$ 79.1	2,319,426	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	03/15/2005	S	1,400	D	\$ 79.2	2,318,026	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	03/15/2005	S	540	D	\$ 78.26	2,317,486	D
	03/15/2005	S	34,100	D		2,283,386	D



## 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 transaction was executed pursuant to a trading plan entered into by the Reporting Person on November 12, 2004 in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.  

This option is fully vested. The option vested in 1997 and 1998 in accordance with the following schedule: 50% vested when the trading price of the Common Stock equaled or exceeded \$37.50 for at least 10 business days within any period of 30 consecutive days; 25%
- (2) when the trading price of the Common Stock equaled or exceeded \$43.75 for at least 10 business days within any period of 30 consecutive days; and the remaining 25% when the trading price of the Common Stock equaled or exceeded \$50.00 for 10 business days within any period of 30 consecutive days. This vesting schedule does not reflect the June 1, 1999, 3-for-1 stock split adjustment.

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