

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO  
Form 5  
February 14, 2006

**FORM 5**

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

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Form 3 Holdings  
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Form 4  
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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL  
OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
FAIRBAIRN URSULA F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3 WORLD FINANCIAL  
CENTER,Â 200 VESEY ST,  
AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER

(Street)

NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10285

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2005

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 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

EVP, Human Resources

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

\_\_X\_\_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form Filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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)  (A) or Amount (D) Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price Derivative
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Securi (Instr.		
				(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0 <u>(1)</u>	01/27/2005	Â	J <u>(3)</u>	13	Â	Â <u>(2)</u>	Â <u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	13	\$ 0

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
FAIRBAIRN URSULA F 3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER 200 VESEY ST, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER NEW YORK, NY 10285	Â Â Â EVP, Human Resources Â

## Signatures

/s/ Stephen P. Norman,  
attorney-in-fact 02/14/2006

\_\_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 phantom stock converts into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) The units are to be settled following the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.
- (3) The reported phantom stock units were acquired under the Company's Supplemental Retirement Plan.

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