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FORM 4UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549Check this box if no longer subject to 									3235-0287	
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(Print or Type	Responses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> WELLEK RICHARD L			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol QUANEX CORP [nx]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction			(Check an applicable)				
VARLEN CORP, 55 SHUMAN BLVD PO BOX 3089			(Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2005				Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)			
	(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			1	 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 					
NAPERVII	LLE, IL 60566						Person	More than One F	leporting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-l	Derivative	Securities A	Acquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deema Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) Code V	4. Securit nAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 Amount	(A) or of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Reminder: Ren	oort on a separate line	e for each cl	ass of sec	urities bene	ficially own	ned directly	or indirectly.			
					Perso inforn requir	ns who res nation con ed to resp lys a curre	spond to the colle tained in this form ond unless the fo ntly valid OMB co	n are not orm	SEC 1474 (9-02)	

 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8. F
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onof	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	Der
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Derivative	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Sec

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)	Acquir (A) or Dispos of (D)	Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,				(In	
			Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0 <u>(2)</u>	03/31/2005	А	5.61		03/31/2005 <u>(3)</u>	(3)	Common Stock	5.61	\$

Reporting Owners

	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WELLEK RICHARD L VARLEN CORP 55 SHUMAN BLVD PO BOX 3089 NAPERVILLE, IL 60566	Х						
Signatures							
Richard L. Wellek by Terry M. Murphy POA	у,	04/04	4/2005				

**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) Units that are credited to the participant's account under the Quanex Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan as a result of Dividend Reinvestement.
- (2) Conversion Price is 1 for 1.

All units credited under the Deferred Compensation Plan (DCP) are 100% vested at all times; provided, however, that if a participant receives a benefit from the DCP for any reason other than death, disability or retirement within three years after a deferral is credited to a

(3) participant's account, any matching awards made by the Company with respect to such deferral will be forfeited. Distributions under the DCP are made beginning on a specified date selected by the participant or upon a participant's death, disability or termination of employment.

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