

PRINGLE C STEVEN  
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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 \*  
PRINGLE C STEVEN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/ [AZPN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
SVP, Global Services

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC., 2500 CITY WEST BLVD., SUITE 1600

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/10/2006

(Street)  
HOUSTON, TX 77042

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)				Price
Common Stock	02/10/2006		M		22,500	A	\$ 2.5	22,500	D	
Common Stock	02/10/2006		D		21,500	D	\$ 10.15	1,000	D	
Common Stock	02/10/2006		D		1,000	D	\$ 10.158	0	D	
Common Stock	02/10/2006		M		79,332	A	\$ 2.75	79,332	D	
	02/10/2006		D		26,317	D	\$ 10.17	53,015	D	

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Common Stock								
Common Stock	02/10/2006		D	4,000	D	\$ 10.19	49,015	D
Common Stock	02/10/2006		D	1,000	D	\$ 10.1855	48,015	D
Common Stock	02/10/2006		D	1,000	D	\$ 10.1845	47,015	D
Common Stock	02/10/2006		D	1,000	D	\$ 10.182	46,015	D
Common Stock	02/10/2006		D	17,000	D	\$ 10.18	29,015	D
Common Stock	02/10/2006		D	1,000	D	\$ 10.1715	28,015	D
Common Stock	02/10/2006		D	1,000	D	\$ 10.17	27,015	D
Common Stock	02/10/2006		D	1,000	D	\$ 10.1657	26,015	D
Common Stock	02/10/2006		D	3,000	D	\$ 10.16	23,015	D
Common Stock	02/10/2006		D	1,000	D	\$ 10.1584	22,015	D
Common Stock	02/10/2006		D	22,015	D	\$ 10.15	0	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Option to purchase Common Stock	\$ 2.5	02/10/2006	M	22,500	03/31/2003 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/15/2012	Common Stock	22,500
Option to purchase Common stock	\$ 2.75	02/10/2006	M	79,332	12/31/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/12/2013	Common Stock	79,332

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PRINGLE C STEVEN C/O ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC. 2500 CITY WEST BLVD., SUITE 1600 HOUSTON, TX 77042			SVP, Global Services	

## Signatures

/s/ C. Steven  
Pringle

02/13/2006

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 option vests in 16 equal quarterly installments beginning March 31, 2003.
- (2) The option vests in 16 equal quarterly installments beginning December 31, 2003.

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