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GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC
Form N-Q
November 29, 2005

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

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF
REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-04700

The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

One Corporate Center
Rye, New York 10580-1422

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Bruce N. Alpert
Gabelli Funds, LLC
One Corporate Center
Rye, New York 10580-1422

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 1-800-422-3554

Date of fiscal year end: December 31

Date of reporting period: September 30, 2005

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ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

The Schedule(s) of Investments is attached herewith.

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THE GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 (UNAUDITED)

SHARES -----		MARKET VALUE* -----
	COMMON STOCKS -- 94.1%	
	ENERGY AND UTILITIES -- 8.6%	
70,000	AES Corp.+	\$ 1,150,100
10,000	AGL Resources Inc.	371,100
120,000	Allegheny Energy Inc.+	3,686,400
70,000	Apache Corp.	5,265,400
247,000	BP plc, ADR	17,499,950
275,000	Burlington Resources Inc.	22,363,000
115,000	CH Energy Group Inc.	5,460,200
40,000	Cinergy Corp.	1,776,400
91,200	CMS Energy Corp.+	1,500,240
204,000	ConocoPhillips	14,261,640
8,000	Constellation Energy Group	492,800
30,000	DPL Inc.	834,000
14,000	DTE Energy Co.	642,040
250,000	Duke Energy Corp.	7,292,500
110,000	Duquesne Light Holdings Inc. ...	1,893,100
210,000	El Paso Corp.	2,919,000
370,000	El Paso Electric Co.+	7,714,500
50,000	Energy East Corp.	1,259,500
80,000	Eni SpA	2,375,819
80,000	Exxon Mobil Corp.	5,083,200
20,000	FPL Group Inc.	952,000
70,000	Halliburton Co.	4,796,400
19,999	Kerr-McGee Corp.	1,942,103
10,000	Marathon Oil Corp.	689,300
140,000	Mirant Corp.+	199,500
10,000	NiSource Inc.	242,500
300,000	Northeast Utilities	5,985,000
1,000	PetroChina Co. Ltd., ADR	83,370
23,000	Petroleo Brasileiro SA, ADR	1,644,270
100,000	Progress Energy Inc., CVO+	9,000
30,000	Saipem SpA	505,859
30,000	SJW Corp.	1,448,400
20,000	Southwest Gas Corp.	547,800
75,000	Spinnaker Exploration Co.+	4,851,750
8,657	Total SA	2,362,844
54,000	TXU Corp.	6,095,520
200	Vectren Corp.	5,670
255,000	Westar Energy Inc.	6,153,150

		142,355,325

	FOOD AND BEVERAGE -- 8.2%	
85,000	Ajinomoto Co. Inc.	894,027
8,000	Anheuser-Busch Companies Inc. ..	344,320
83,000	Cadbury Schweppes plc	837,378
40,000	Cadbury Schweppes plc, ADR	1,629,200
90,000	Campbell Soup Co.	2,677,500
60,000	Coca-Cola Co.	2,591,400
5,000	Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc.	97,500
40,000	Coca-Cola Hellenic Bottling Co. SA	1,159,546

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100,000	Corn Products International Inc.	2,017,000
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SHARES -----		MARKET VALUE*
60,000	Del Monte Foods Co.+	643,800
10,108	Denny's Corp.+	41,948
100,000	Diageo plc	1,437,490
224,000	Diageo plc, ADR	12,994,240
250,000	Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream Holdings Inc., Cl. A	20,522,500
90,000	Flowers Foods Inc.	2,455,200
35,641	Fomento Economico Mexicano SA de CV, ADR	2,492,019
175,000	General Mills Inc.	8,435,000
40,000	Groupe Danone	4,309,837
500,000	Grupo Bimbo SA de CV, Cl. A	1,627,312
20,000	Hain Celestial Group Inc.+	388,000
130,000	Heinz (H.J.) Co.	4,750,200
25,000	Hershey Co.	1,407,750
160,000	Kellogg Co.	7,380,800
75,000	Kerry Group plc, Cl. A	1,744,448
12,100	LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SA	997,608
2,500	Nestle SA	731,915
480,000	PepsiAmericas Inc.	10,910,400
350,000	PepsiCo Inc.	19,848,500
6,750	Pernod-Ricard SA	1,191,725
68,200	Ralcorp Holdings Inc.	2,858,944
90,000	Sara Lee Corp.	1,705,500
2,000	Smucker (J.M.) Co.	97,080
112,270	Tootsie Roll Industries Inc. ...	3,564,573
170,000	Wrigley (Wm.) Jr. Co.	12,219,600

		137,004,260

	FINANCIAL SERVICES -- 7.9%	
7,000	Allianz AG	945,111
5,000	Allstate Corp.	276,450
550,000	American Express Co.	31,592,000
32,000	Argonaut Group Inc.+	864,320
95,000	Aviva plc	1,043,063
90,000	Banco Santander Central Hispano SA, ADR	1,185,300
100,000	Bank of Ireland	1,580,434
75,000	Bank of New York Co. Inc.	2,205,750
275,000	Bankgesellschaft Berlin AG+	988,222
260	Berkshire Hathaway Inc., Cl. A+	21,320,000
7,500	Calamos Asset Management Inc., Cl. A	185,100
45,000	Citigroup Inc.	2,048,400
185,000	Commerzbank AG, ADR	5,080,951
19,000	Credit Suisse Group	840,987
152,000	Deutsche Bank AG, ADR	14,215,040
20,000	Dun and Bradstreet Corp.+	1,317,400
20,000	H&R Block Inc.	479,600
75,000	Irish Life & Permanent plc	1,365,603
200,000	Janus Capital Group Inc.	2,890,000

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SHARES -----		MARKET VALUE*

	COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED)	
	FINANCIAL SERVICES (CONTINUED)	
55,000	JPMorgan Chase & Co.\$	1,866,150
78,000	Leucadia National Corp.	3,361,800
100,000	MBNA Corp.	2,464,000
100,000	Mellon Financial Corp.	3,197,000
189,000	Midland Co.	6,809,670
60,000	Moody's Corp.	3,064,800
128,750	Nikko Cordial Corp.	1,489,154
145,000	Phoenix Companies Inc.	1,769,000
2,500	Prudential Financial Inc.	168,900
45,000	Schwab (Charles) Corp.	649,350
3,000	St. Paul Travelers Companies Inc.	134,610
50,000	Standard Chartered plc	1,078,559
80,000	State Street Corp.	3,913,600
20,000	SunTrust Banks Inc.	1,389,000
78,500	T. Rowe Price Group Inc.	5,126,050
20,000	UBS AG	1,699,432
70,000	Waddell & Reed Financial Inc., Cl. A	1,355,200
53,000	Westpac Banking Corp.	852,818

		130,812,824

	TELECOMMUNICATIONS -- 7.4%	
5,000	ALLTEL Corp.	325,550
585,000	AT&T Corp.	11,583,000
90,540	ATX Communications Inc.+	1,032
265,000	BCE Inc.	7,271,600
30,000	Brasil Telecom Participacoes SA, ADR	1,275,900
1,760,000	BT Group plc	6,899,249
4,440,836	Cable & Wireless Jamaica Ltd.+ .	92,332
930,000	Cincinnati Bell Inc.+	4,101,300
80,000	Citizens Communications Co.	1,084,000
170,000	Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises Inc.	6,409,000
110,000	Compania de Telecomunicaciones de Chile SA, ADR	1,193,500
170,000	Deutsche Telekom AG, ADR	3,100,800
15,000	Embratel Participacoes SA, ADR+	174,750
5,000	France Telecom SA, ADR	143,750
233	KDDI Corp.	1,313,601
100,000	KPN NV	896,581
1,000,000	Qwest Communications International Inc.+	4,100,000
130,000	SBC Communications Inc.	3,116,100
532,387	Sprint Nextel Corp.	12,660,163
186,554	Tele Norte Leste Participacoes SA, ADR	3,083,738

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50,000	Telecom Argentina SA, Cl. B, ADR+	645,500
1,788,075	Telecom Italia SpA	5,813,043
254,800	Telefonica SA, ADR	12,566,736
18,298	Telefonica SA, BDR	299,470

SHARES		MARKET VALUE*
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64,000	Telefonos de Mexico SA de CV, Cl. L, ADR	\$ 1,361,280
310,000	Telephone & Data Systems Inc. ..	12,090,000
390,000	Telephone & Data Systems Inc., Special	14,644,500
2,500	TELUS Corp.	104,323
47,500	TELUS Corp., ADR	1,985,374
140,060	Verizon Communications Inc.	4,578,561

		122,914,733

	ENTERTAINMENT -- 6.7%	
160,000	Canal Plus, ADR+	296,000
220,000	Discovery Holding Co., Cl. A+ ..	3,176,800
1,600	DreamWorks Animation SKG Inc., Cl. A+	44,256
110,000	EMI Group plc	470,491
80,000	EMI Group plc, ADR	686,408
50,000	GC Companies Inc.+ (a)	43,000
650,000	Gemstar-TV Guide International Inc.+	1,924,000
173,000	Grupo Televisa SA, ADR	12,405,830
2,200,000	Liberty Media Corp., Cl. A+	17,710,000
17,500	Oriental Land Co. Ltd.	1,000,484
160,000	Publishing & Broadcasting Ltd. .	2,010,829
1,629,500	Rank Group plc	8,579,186
12,000	Regal Entertainment Group, Cl. A	240,480
153,500	Six Flags Inc.+	1,103,665
260,000	The Walt Disney Co.	6,273,800
810,000	Time Warner Inc.	14,669,100
842,000	Viacom Inc., Cl. A	27,971,240
43,900	Vivendi Universal SA	1,432,996
330,000	Vivendi Universal SA, ADR	10,800,900

		110,839,465

	DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIAL -- 5.7%	
170,000	Acuity Brands Inc.	5,043,900
195,000	Ampco-Pittsburgh Corp.	3,022,500
25,000	Bouygues SA	1,161,889
160,000	Cooper Industries Ltd., Cl. A ..	11,062,400
250,000	Crane Co.	7,435,000
100,500	CRH plc	2,723,725
110,000	GATX Corp.	4,350,500
233,000	Greif Inc., Cl. A	14,003,300
5,000	Greif Inc., Cl. B	287,850
415,500	Honeywell International Inc. ...	15,581,250
130,000	ITT Industries Inc.	14,768,000
390,000	Lamson & Sessions Co.+	7,144,800
98,000	Park-Ohio Holdings Corp.+	1,720,880
4,000	Sulzer AG	2,026,959
30,000	Technip SA	1,775,374

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50,000	Trinity Industries Inc.	2,024,500

		94,132,827

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SHARES		MARKET
-----		VALUE*

	COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED)	
	PUBLISHING -- 5.5%	
18,000	Dow Jones & Co. Inc.	\$ 687,420
348,266	Independent News & Media plc ...	1,017,110
20,000	Knight-Ridder Inc.	1,173,600
5,000	McClatchy Co., Cl. A	326,150
200,000	McGraw-Hill Companies Inc.	9,608,000
330,000	Media General Inc., Cl. A	19,143,300
124,000	Meredith Corp.	6,186,360
80,000	New York Times Co., Cl. A	2,380,000
1,744,800	News Corp., Cl. A	27,201,432
20,000	News Corp., Cl. B	330,000
200,000	Penton Media Inc.+	100,000
400,000	PRIMEDIA Inc.+	1,636,000
175,000	Reader's Digest	
	Association Inc.	2,794,750
261,319	SCMP Group Ltd.	97,691
150,000	Scripps (E.W.) Co., Cl. A	7,495,500
66,585	Seat Pagine Gialle SpA+	32,810
80,000	Thomas Nelson Inc.	1,500,800
300,800	Tribune Co.	10,194,112
4,000	VNU NV	125,714

		92,030,749

	CABLE AND SATELLITE -- 5.3%	
1,500,000	Cablevision Systems Corp.,	
	Cl. A+	46,005,000
330,000	Comcast Corp., Cl. A+	9,695,400
85,000	Comcast Corp., Cl. A, Special+ .	2,446,300
153,444	DIRECTV Group Inc.+	2,298,591
55,000	EchoStar Communications	
	Corp., Cl. A	1,626,350
156,770	Liberty Global Inc., Cl. A+	4,245,332
156,770	Liberty Global Inc., Cl. C+	4,036,827
50,000	Loral Space &	
	Communications Ltd.+	3,500
407,845	Rogers Communications	
	Inc., Cl. B, New York	16,089,485
9,655	Rogers Communications	
	Inc., Cl. B, Toronto	380,054
80,000	Shaw Communications	
	Inc., Cl. B, New York	1,677,600
20,000	Shaw Communications	
	Inc., Cl. B, Toronto	418,065

		88,922,504

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CONSUMER PRODUCTS -- 4.3%		
60,000	Altadis SA	2,687,579
50,000	Avon Products Inc.	1,350,000
43,000	Christian Dior SA	3,547,804
15,000	Church & Dwight Co. Inc.	554,100
33,000	Clorox Co.	1,832,820
10,000	Colgate-Palmolive Co.	527,900
SHARES		MARKET
-----		VALUE*

90,000	Compagnie Financiere	
	Richemont AG, Cl. A\$	3,563,014
50,000	Department 56 Inc.+	625,000
30,000	Energizer Holdings Inc.+	1,701,000
30,000	Fortune Brands Inc.	2,439,900
30,000	Gallaher Group plc	465,641
234,000	Gallaher Group plc, ADR	14,529,060
110,000	Gillette Co.	6,402,000
2,000	Givaudan SA	1,280,754
42,000	Harley-Davidson Inc.	2,034,480
15,000	Matsushita Electric	
	Industrial Co. Ltd., ADR	256,650
60,000	Mattel Inc.	1,000,800
75,000	Maytag Corp.	1,369,500
35,000	National Presto	
	Industries Inc.	1,498,350
180,000	Procter & Gamble Co.	10,702,800
50,000	Reckitt Benckiser plc	1,523,034
10,000	Swatch Group AG, Cl. B	1,377,313
890,000	Swedish Match AB	10,616,895

		71,886,394

HEALTH CARE -- 3.6%		
10,000	Abbott Laboratories	424,000
52,000	Amgen Inc.+	4,142,840
19,146	AstraZeneca plc	891,356
27,000	Biogen Idec Inc.+	1,065,960
135,000	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.	3,248,100
65,036	GlaxoSmithKline plc	1,654,118
4,000	GlaxoSmithKline plc, ADR	205,120
30,000	Henry Schein Inc.+	1,278,600
10,000	Hospira Inc.+	409,700
15,000	INAMED Corp.+	1,135,200
40,000	Invitrogen Corp.+	3,009,200
10,000	IVAX Corp.+	263,600
100,000	Merck & Co. Inc.	2,721,000
2,000	Nobel Biocare Holding AG	471,206
41,000	Novartis AG	2,079,217
105,000	Novartis AG, ADR	5,355,000
283,000	Pfizer Inc.	7,066,510
35,000	Renal Care Group Inc.+	1,656,200
18,100	Roche Holding AG	2,513,908
26,808	Sanofi-Aventis	2,215,071
100,000	Schering-Plough Corp.	2,105,000
80,000	Smith & Nephew plc	671,652
4,250	Straumann Holding AG	1,138,378
60,000	Sybron Dental	
	Specialties Inc.+	2,494,800
10,000	Synthes Inc.	1,169,518

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23,000	Takeda Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd. .	1,369,627
82,000	William Demant Holding A/S+	3,842,976
100,000	Wyeth	4,627,000

		59,224,857

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SHARES -----		MARKET VALUE* -----
	COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED)	
	HOTELS AND GAMING -- 3.2%	
115,000	Aztar Corp.+\$	3,543,150
200,000	Gaylord Entertainment Co.+	9,530,000
55,000	Greek Organization of Football Prognostics SA	1,708,070
16,000	GTECH Holdings Corp.	512,960
8,000	Harrah's Entertainment Inc.	521,520
2,875,000	Hilton Group plc	15,947,987
600,000	Hilton Hotels Corp.	13,392,000
10,200	Kerzner International Ltd.+	566,610
5,000	Las Vegas Sands Corp.+	164,550
118,000	MGM Mirage+	5,164,860
38,000	Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc.	2,172,460

		53,224,167

	AUTOMOTIVE: PARTS AND ACCESSORIES -- 3.1%	
60,000	BorgWarner Inc.	3,387,600
200,000	CLARCOR Inc.	5,744,000
390,000	Dana Corp.	3,669,900
300,000	Genuine Parts Co.	12,870,000
120,000	Johnson Controls Inc.	7,446,000
116,000	Midas Inc.+	2,306,080
330,000	Modine Manufacturing Co.	12,104,400
182,774	Proliance International Inc.+ ..	1,001,602
80,500	Scheib (Earl) Inc.+	301,875
160,000	Standard Motor Products Inc. ...	1,297,600
30,000	Superior Industries International Inc.	645,600
27,000	TI Automotive Ltd.+ (a)	0
30,000	TRW Automotive Holdings Corp.+ .	880,200

		51,654,857

	EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES -- 2.9%	
205,000	AMETEK Inc.	8,808,850
2,000	Amphenol Corp., Cl. A	80,680
94,000	CIRCOR International Inc.	2,580,300
213,000	Donaldson Co. Inc.	6,502,890
70,000	Fedders Corp.	149,800
115,000	Flowserve Corp.+	4,180,250
24,000	Franklin Electric Co. Inc.	993,360
100,000	Gerber Scientific Inc.+	784,000

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70,000	GrafTech International Ltd.+ ...	380,100
250,000	IDEX Corp.	10,637,500
40,000	Ingersoll-Rand Co. Ltd., Cl. A .	1,529,200
107,000	Lufkin Industries Inc.	4,659,850
1,000	Manitowoc Co. Inc.	50,250
11,000	Mueller Industries Inc.	305,470
1,000	Sealed Air Corp.+	47,460
230,000	Watts Water Technologies Inc., Cl. A	6,635,500
100,000	Weir Group plc	675,532

		49,000,992

SHARES		MARKET
-----		VALUE*

	RETAIL -- 2.9%	
260,000	Albertson's Inc.	\$ 6,669,000
230,000	AutoNation Inc.+	4,593,100
40,000	Coldwater Creek Inc.+	1,008,800
20,000	Costco Wholesale Corp.	861,800
38,000	Matsumotokiyoshi Co. Ltd.	1,235,201
320,000	Neiman Marcus Group Inc., Cl. B	31,945,600
30,000	Next plc	736,559
44,800	Seven & I Holdings Co. Ltd.+ ...	1,483,862

		48,533,922

	AVIATION: PARTS AND SERVICES -- 2.1%	
200,000	Curtiss-Wright Corp.	12,342,000
129,600	Fairchild Corp., Cl. A+	300,672
220,000	GenCorp Inc.+	4,103,000
180,000	Precision Castparts Corp.	9,558,000
84,000	Sequa Corp., Cl. A+	4,956,000
74,600	Sequa Corp., Cl. B+	4,485,698

		35,745,370

	WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS -- 1.7%	
234,000	America Movil SA de CV, Cl. L, ADR	6,158,880
1,500	NTT DoCoMo Inc.	2,669,133
2,760,000	O2 plc	7,679,374
24,787	Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participacoes SA, ADR	224,570
1,920	Tele Leste Celular Participacoes SA, ADR+	12,749
3,340	Tele Norte Celular Participacoes SA, ADR+	25,217
90,000	Telefonica Moviles SA	998,378
8,350	Telemig Celular Participacoes SA, ADR	282,230
270	Telesp Celular Participacoes SA+	943
90,217	Telesp Celular Participacoes SA, ADR	352,748
5,845	Telesp Celular Participacoes SA, Pfd.+	23,247
32,165	Tim Participacoes SA, ADR	597,626
100,000	United States Cellular Corp.+ ..	5,342,000

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553,888	Vodafone Group plc	1,440,991
90,000	Vodafone Group plc, ADR	2,337,300

		28,145,386

	COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT -- 1.6%	
50,000	Agere Systems Inc.+	520,500
45,000	Andrew Corp.+	501,750
515,000	Corning Inc.+	9,954,950
180,000	Lucent Technologies Inc.+	585,000
110,000	Motorola Inc.	2,429,900
150,000	Nortel Networks Corp.+	489,000
44,000	Scientific-Atlanta Inc.	1,650,440
300,000	Thomas & Betts Corp.+	10,323,000

		26,454,540

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SHARES		MARKET VALUE*
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	COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED)	
	AGRICULTURE -- 1.5%	
1,000,000	Archer-Daniels-Midland Co.\$	24,660,000
5,000	Delta & Pine Land Co.	132,050
10,000	Mosaic Co.+	160,200

		24,952,250

	CONSUMER SERVICES -- 1.5%	
110,000	Expedia Inc.+	2,179,100
230,000	IAC/InterActiveCorp+	5,830,500
840,000	Rollins Inc.	16,396,800

		24,406,400

	MACHINERY -- 1.2%	
20,000	Caterpillar Inc.	1,175,000
320,000	Deere & Co.	19,584,000

		20,759,000

	AEROSPACE -- 1.2%	
110,000	Boeing Co.	7,474,500
30,000	Lockheed Martin Corp.	1,831,200
180,000	Northrop Grumman Corp.	9,783,000
80,000	Rolls-Royce Group plc+	527,021

		19,615,721

	BROADCASTING -- 1.1%	
2,000	Cogeco Inc.	46,882
16,666	Corus Entertainment Inc., Cl. B	482,275
120,000	Gray Television Inc.	1,270,800

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27,500	Gray Television Inc., Cl. A	272,250
199,000	Liberty Corp.	9,331,110
50,000	Lin TV Corp., Cl. A+	697,500
165,000	Mediaset SpA	1,952,316
30,000	Modern Times Group, Cl. B+	1,129,718
7,800	Nippon Television Network Corp.	1,200,370
110,000	Paxson Communications Corp.+ ...	49,500
100,000	Television Broadcasts Ltd.	611,678
130,000	Young Broadcasting Inc., Cl. A+	453,700

17,498,099

REAL ESTATE -- 1.0%

70,000	Cheung Kong (Holdings) Ltd.	790,476
98,000	Florida East Coast Industries Inc.	4,438,420
55,000	Griffin Land & Nurseries Inc.+ .	1,347,500
167,000	St. Joe Co.	10,429,150

17,005,546

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES -- 1.0%

65,000	Republic Services Inc.	2,293,850
500,000	Waste Management Inc.	14,305,000

16,598,850

SHARES	MARKET
-----	VALUE*

SPECIALTY CHEMICALS -- 1.0%

5,400	Ciba Specialty Chemicals AG, ADR\$	158,220
20,000	E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Co.	783,400
325,000	Ferro Corp.	5,954,000
39,000	Fuller (H.B.) Co.	1,212,120
120,000	Hercules Inc.+	1,466,400
232,300	Omnova Solutions Inc.+	1,015,151
300,000	Sensient Technologies Corp.	5,685,000
10,000	Syngenta AG, ADR	210,000

16,484,291

ELECTRONICS -- 0.8%

10,000	Advanced Micro Devices Inc.+ ...	252,000
3,000	Hitachi Ltd., ADR	190,170
5,200	Keyence Corp.	1,307,329
20,000	Molex Inc., Cl. A	514,200
7,500	NEC Corp., ADR	40,650
9,500	Rohm Co. Ltd.	824,304
38,000	Royal Philips Electronics NV, ADR	1,013,840
265,000	Texas Instruments Inc.	8,983,500
17,000	Tokyo Electron Ltd.	903,013

14,029,006

AUTOMOTIVE -- 0.8%

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335,000	Navistar International Corp.+ ..	10,864,050
43,000	PACCAR Inc.	2,919,270

		13,783,320

	METALS AND MINING -- 0.6%	
72,500	Harmony Gold Mining Co. Ltd.+ ..	814,735
35,000	Harmony Gold Mining	
	Co. Ltd., ADR+	382,900
55,000	Ivanhoe Mines Ltd.+	459,800
125,000	Newmont Mining Corp.	5,896,250
40,000	Novelis Inc.	857,600
50,000	Placer Dome Inc.	857,500
45,000	Xstrata plc	1,165,955

		10,434,740

	BUSINESS SERVICES -- 0.6%	
7,050	Acco Brands Corp.+	198,951
60,000	ANC Rental Corp.+	303
140,000	Cendant Corp.	2,889,600
1,000	CheckFree Corp.+	37,820
186,554	Contax Participacoes SA, ADR+ ..	115,887
212,500	Group 4 Securicor plc	566,894
95,000	Landauer Inc.	4,655,000
72,500	Nashua Corp.+	449,500
25,000	Secom Co. Ltd.	1,202,431

		10,116,386

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THE GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 (UNAUDITED)

SHARES		MARKET VALUE*
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	COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED)	
	CLOSED-END FUNDS -- 0.3%	
75,000	Central Europe and	
	Russia Fund Inc.	\$ 3,682,500
70,000	New Germany Fund Inc.	732,900
31,500	Royce Value Trust Inc.	626,220

		5,041,620

	MANUFACTURED HOUSING AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES -- 0.3%	
70,000	Champion Enterprises Inc.+	1,034,600
50,000	Fleetwood Enterprises Inc.+	615,000
32,222	Huttig Building Products Inc.+ .	291,609
13,000	Martin Marietta Materials Inc. .	1,019,980
10,000	Nobility Homes Inc.	261,000
80,000	Sekisui House Ltd.	980,268
20,000	Skyline Corp.	812,800
1,000	Southern Energy Homes Inc.+	7,050

		5,022,307

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	COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND SERVICES -- 0.2%		
10,000	Check Point Software Technologies Ltd.+	243,200	
146	Computer Associates International Inc.	4,060	
25,256	Telecom Italia Media SpA+	16,543	
80,000	Yahoo! Inc.+	2,707,200	

		2,971,003	

	PAPER AND FOREST PRODUCTS -- 0.1%		
120,000	Pactiv Corp.+	2,102,400	

	REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS -- 0.1%		
1,500	Amlt Residential Properties Trust	48,105	
6,000	Camden Property Trust	334,500	
2,000	Equity Residential	75,700	
16,656	Rayonier Inc.	959,719	

		1,418,024	

	TRANSPORTATION -- 0.1%		
100,000	AMR Corp.+	1,118,000	
15,000	Grupo TMM SA, Cl. A, ADR+	61,500	

		1,179,500	

	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	1,566,301,635	

	CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS -- 0.3%		
	AEROSPACE -- 0.1%		
13,500	Northrop Grumman Corp., 7.000% Cv. Pfd., Ser. B	1,633,500	

	TELECOMMUNICATIONS -- 0.1%		
26,000	Cincinnati Bell Inc., 6.750% Cv. Pfd., Ser. B	1,136,200	

SHARES		MARKET	
-----		VALUE*	

	BROADCASTING -- 0.1%		
90	Gray Television Inc., 8.000% Cv. Pfd., Ser. C (a) (c) (d)	\$ 909,000	

	AVIATION: PARTS AND SERVICES -- 0.0%		
3,200	Sequa Corp., \$5.00 Cv. Pfd.	312,000	

	TOTAL CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS	3,990,700	

PRINCIPAL			
AMOUNT			

	CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS -- 0.1%		
	AUTOMOTIVE: PARTS AND ACCESSORIES -- 0.1%		
\$ 500,000	Pep Boys - Manny,		

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	Moe & Jack, Cv.,	
	4.250%, 06/01/07	487,500
1,000,000	Standard Motor Products Inc.,	
	Sub. Deb. Cv.,	
	6.750%, 07/15/09	890,000

		1,377,500

	AEROSPACE -- 0.0%	
736,000	Kaman Corp., Sub. Deb. Cv.,	
	6.000%, 03/15/12	704,720

	CABLE AND SATELLITE -- 0.0%	
500,000	Charter Communications Inc., Cv.,	
	4.750%, 06/01/06	493,750

	TOTAL CONVERTIBLE	
	CORPORATE BONDS	2,575,970

	U.S. GOVERNMENT &	
	AGENCY OBLIGATIONS -- 0.1%	
	FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK -- 0.0%	
500,000	3.060%, 04/13/06	496,923

	U.S. TREASURY NOTES -- 0.1%	
1,000,000	5.750%, 11/15/05	1,009,914
500,000	5.625%, 02/15/06	503,301
300,000	4.625%, 05/15/06	301,137
300,000	3.500%, 11/15/06	298,020

		2,112,372

	TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT &	
	AGENCY OBLIGATIONS	2,609,295

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THE GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 (UNAUDITED)

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT		MARKET VALUE*
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	SHORT-TERM OBLIGATIONS -- 5.4%	
	REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS -- 5.1%	
\$84,445,000	Barclays Capital Inc., 3.200%, dated 09/30/05, due 10/03/05, proceeds at maturity, \$84,467,519 (b)	\$ 84,445,000

	U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS -- 0.3%	
5,000,000	U.S. Treasury Bills, 3.498%+, 11/17/05	4,977,675

	TOTAL SHORT-TERM	
	OBLIGATIONS	89,422,675

NUMBER OF EXPIRATION DATE/

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CONTRACTS	EXERCISE PRICE
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PUT OPTIONS PURCHASED+ -- 0.0%	
1,000 SPDR Trust	
Series 1 Oct. 05/120	40,000

TOTAL INVESTMENTS -- 100.0%	
(Cost \$1,289,926,526)	\$1,664,940,275
	=====

For Federal tax purposes:	
Aggregate cost	\$1,289,926,526
	=====
Gross unrealized appreciation	\$ 446,167,567
Gross unrealized depreciation	(71,153,818)

Net unrealized appreciation	
(depreciation)	\$ 375,013,749
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- (a) Security fair valued under procedures established by the Board of Directors. At September 30, 2005, the market value of fair valued securities amounted to \$952,000 or 0.06% of total investments.
- (b) Collateralized by U.S. Treasury Bonds, 8.125% and 6.125%, due 08/15/19 and 11/15/27, market value \$85,734,060 and \$399,840.
- (c) Security exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. At September 30, 2005, the market value of Rule 144A securities amounted to \$909,000 or 0.05% of total investments.
- (d) At September 30, 2005, the Fund held restricted and illiquid securities amounting to \$909,000 or 0.05% of net assets, which were valued under methods approved by the Board, as follows:

ACQUISITION		09/30/2005
SHARES	ISSUER	CARRYING VALUE
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90	Gray Television Inc., 8.000% Cv. Pfd., Ser. C	
	04/23/02	\$900,000
		\$10,100.0000

- + Non-income producing security.
- ++ Represents annualized yield at date of purchase.
- ADR American Depositary Receipt
- BDR Brazilian Depositary Receipt
- CVO Contingent Value Obligation
- * Portfolio securities are valued at the last quoted sale price or closing values. If these are unavailable, then the average of the closing bid and asked prices is used. If there is no asked price, the security is valued at the closing bid price on that day. Debt instruments are valued at the average of the closing bid and asked prices. If the security matures in 60 days or less and is not credit-impaired, it is valued at amortized cost. All securities and assets for which market quotations are not readily available or any security that the Board determines does not reflect its fair market value are valued in good faith under procedures established by the Board.

% OF	
MARKET	MARKET
VALUE	VALUE
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GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSIFICATION

North America	81.3%	\$1,353,172,200
Europe	14.4	240,713,065
Latin America	2.8	47,010,239
Japan	1.1	18,360,274
Asia/Pacific	0.3	4,446,862
South Africa	0.1	1,197,635
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Total Investments	100.0%	\$1,664,900,275
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ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- (b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Bruce N. Alpert

Bruce N. Alpert, Principal Executive Officer

Date November 28, 2005

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Bruce N. Alpert

Bruce N. Alpert, Principal Executive Officer &
Principal Financial Officer

Date November 28, 2005

* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.