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DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC
Form 4
January 14, 2003

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Check box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations
may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

LYONS	DANIEL	M.
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(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
5900 LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE		
P.O. Box 593330		

(Street)		
ORLANDO	FL	32859-3330
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

DARDEN RESTAURANTS, INC. (DRI)

3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

01/10/2003

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

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7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)

- 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 (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Price
		Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	
Common Stock	01/10/03	M		1,967	A	\$8.1145
Common Stock	01/10/03	M		19,554	A	\$7.7087
Common Stock	01/10/03	M		11,453	A	\$7.407
Common Stock	01/10/03	M		1,397	A	\$7.1987
Common Stock	01/10/03	M		1,625	A	\$6.431
Common Stock	01/10/03	M		19,554	A	\$6.4678
Common Stock	01/10/03	M		9,652	A	\$6.608
Common Stock	01/10/03	M		694	A	\$6.608
Common Stock	01/10/03	M		3,548	A	\$6.4763
Common Stock	01/10/03	S		1,967	D	\$22.797
Common Stock	01/10/03	S		19,554	D	\$22.797
Common Stock	01/10/03	S		11,453	D	\$22.797
Common Stock	01/10/03	S		1,397	D	\$22.797
Common Stock	01/10/03	S		1,625	D	\$22.797
Common Stock	01/10/03	S		19,554	D	\$22.797
Common Stock	01/10/03	S		694	D	\$22.797
Common Stock						

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* If the Form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction 4 (b) (v).

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Print or Type Response)

(Over)

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity	3. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8) ----- Code V	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ----- (A) (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) ----- Date Expira- tion Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) ----- Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$8.1145	01/10/03	M	1,967	1/18/97 (3) 02/18/03	Common Stock 1,967
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$7.7087	01/10/03	M	19,554	06/28/97 (3) 07/28/03	Common Stock 19,554
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$7.407	01/10/03	M	11,453	09/20/93 (4) 10/20/03	Common Stock 11,453
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$7.1987	01/10/03	M	1,397	12/13/96 (3) 01/13/04	Common Stock 1,397
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$6.431	01/10/03	M	1,625	06/01/94 (4) 07/01/04	Common Stock 1,625
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$6.4678	01/10/03	M	19,554	06/27/99 (3) 07/27/04	Common Stock 19,554
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$6.608	01/10/03	M	9,652	09/19/94 (4) 10/19/04	Common Stock 9,652
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$6.608	01/10/03	M	694	09/19/94 (4) 10/19/04	Common Stock 694

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Stock Option (right to buy)	\$6.4763	01/10/03	M	3,548	12/12/99 (3)	01/12/05	Common Stock	3,548
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Explanation of Responses:

- (1): Represents number of securities beneficially owned as of 1/10/03.
- (2): The number of shares reported is based on a plan statement dated December 31, 2002, and is derived from an undivided interest in a fund consisting of both Darden common stock and a small cash position that fluctuates from time to time. The number of shares may change based on the size of the cash position at the time of reporting.
- (3): The option vested 100% the date indicated.
- (4): The option vested in five equal annual installments beginning the date indicated, which is the grant date.

/s/ Douglas E. Wentz

01/14/03

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed.
If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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