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Form 4
August 08, 2001

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*

SMITH JACK A.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5900 LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE

(Street)

ORLANDO FLORIDA 32859-3330

(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

07/2001

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

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

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

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

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[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 (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		
		Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	07/16/01	M		12,500	A	\$10.9375
Common Stock	07/16/01	S		12,500	D	\$30.19

* 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)

2. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price	3. Trans-	4. Trans- action	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	of Deriv- ative Secur- ity	action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	Code (Instr. 8) ----- Code V	of(D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ----- (A) (D)	(Month/Day/Year) ----- Date Exer- cisable	Expira- tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
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Stock Option	\$10.9375	07/16/01	M		12,500	05/30/00 05/30/05	Common Stock	12,500
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Explanation of Responses:

/s/ DOUGLAS E. WENTZ

8/8/01

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

By: DOUGLAS E. WENTZ, Attorney-in-fact

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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.