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

1. Name and Addres	s of Reporting Person*		
LYONS	DANIEL		М.
(Last)	(First)		(Middle)
5900 LAKE ELLENOR DR P.O. Box 593330	IVE		
	(Street)	
ORLANDO	FL		32859-3330
(City)	(State)		(Zip)
3. IRS Identificat	ion Number of Reporting	Person,	, if an Entity (Voluntary)
4. Statement for M	onth/Year		
01/10/2003			
5. If Amendment, D	ate of Original (Month/	Year)	
6. Relationship of (Check all appl	Reporting Person to Is icable)	suer	
<pre>[_] Director [X] Officer (g</pre>	ive title below)	[_] [_]	10% Owner Other (specify below)

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

2. Code Transaction Code Co	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			
Common Stock 01/10/03 M 1,967 Common Stock 01/10/03 M 19,554 Common Stock 01/10/03 M 11,453 Common Stock 01/10/03 M 1,397 Common Stock 01/10/03 M 1,625 Common Stock 01/10/03 M 19,554 Common Stock 01/10/03 M 9,652 Common Stock 01/10/03 M 694 Common Stock 01/10/03 M 3,548 Common Stock 01/10/03 S 1,967 Common Stock 01/10/03 S 19,554 Common Stock 01/10/03 S 19,554 Common Stock 01/10/03 S 11,453 Common Stock 01/10/03 S 11,453 Common Stock 01/10/03 S 11,397	(A)	D		
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Common Stock				

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

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)

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

Stock Option (right to buy)	\$6.4763	01/10/03	М	3,548	12/12/99 (3)	Common Stock	3,548

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).

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