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Form 4

July 09, 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*

Helsel	Stephen	E.
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(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
5900 LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE		

(Street)		
ORLANDO	FL	32859-3330
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)
DARDEN RESTAURANTS, INC. (DRI)		

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

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

6/2001

4. Statement for Month/Year

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

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 Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		
		Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	06/01/01	F	V	510	D	\$27.60
Common Stock	06/20/01	J		2,769	A	\$0
Common Stock	06/28/01	M		3,724	A	\$ 9.8569
Common Stock	06/28/01	S		3,724	D	\$29.00

* 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)

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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. 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) ----- (A) (D)	6. Exercisable and Date 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 Options (Right to buy)	\$25.635	06/20/01	A V	30,000	06/20/04 06/20/11	Common Stock 30,000
Stock Option	\$ 9.8569	06/28/01	D V	3,724	06/24/94 07/24/01	Common Stock 3,724

Explanation of Responses:

- 1 Includes shares acquired pursuant to reinvestment of dividend on ESOP shares held in the Darden Restaurants, Inc. Savings Plan for all participants, including the reporting person.
- 2 Restricted Stock Award authorized by Darden Restaurants, Inc. Board of Directors.

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**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.

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