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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
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Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$25.17	05/24/02	A V	947	11/24/02 05/24/12	Common Stock 947
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Explanation of Responses:

1 All prices and amounts of securities have been adjusted to reflect Darden's 3-for-2 stock split in the form of a 50% share dividend paid on May 1, 2002.

/s/ Douglas E. Wentz

6/5/02

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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DARDEN RESTAURANTS, INC. (DRI)
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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.