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DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC
Form 4
February 27, 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*

Smith Jack A.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5900 LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE
P.O. BOX 593330

(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/Day/Year

02/25/2003

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

Form filed by one Reporting Person

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[] 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)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/ Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Price
				Amount or (A) (D)	

Common Stock

* 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

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(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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month Day/Year)	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8) ----- Code V	5. Number of Derivative Secutities 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 & Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr.3 and 4) ----- Amount or Number of Shares Title
Phantom Stock Units	1-for-1	02/25/03		A V	100.177	(1) (1)	Common Stock 100.17

Explanation of Responses:

Note 1: The Reporting Person elected to defer all of the quarterly Director's compensation under the Darden Restaurants, Inc. Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors, to be paid out in Darden Restaurants, Inc. common stock upon the reporting person's termination of board service.

Note 2: Includes phantom stock units acquired pursuant to a dividend equivalent reinvestment feature of the Darden Restaurants, Inc. Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

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/s/ Paula J. Shives

02/27/03

**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.