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Form 4

October 10, 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*

ROSE	MICHAEL	D.
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)

5900 LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE
 P.O. BOX 593330

 (Street)

ORLANDO	FL	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

09/2001

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

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
<input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by one Reporting Person
<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by more than one Reporting Person

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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	Price

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 (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)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				(A)	(D)	Exer- cisable Date	Expira- tion Date	

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Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$23.99	09/20/01	A	V	3,000	09/20/02	09/20/11	Common Stock	3,000
Restricted Stock Units	1-for-1	09/20/01	A	V	3,000	09/20/02	1	Common Stock	3,000

Explanation of Responses:

1 Following board service, on date(s) selected in advance by Reporting Person, Reporting Person shall be eligible to receive one share of common stock for each restricted stock unit.

/s/ DOUGLAS E. WENTZ

10/10/01

**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.