DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GEORGE DAVID C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5900 LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE

(Street)

ORLANDO, FL 32809

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC [DRI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/01/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Pres of LongHorn Steakhouse

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by 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 (Month/Day/Year)	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)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	10/01/2007		A		1,517	A	$ 0	1,517	D	
Common Stock	10/01/2007		A		1,549	A	$ 0	3,066	D	
Common Stock	10/01/2007		A		1,670	A	$ 0	4,736	D	
Common Stock	10/01/2007		A		2,104	D	$ 0	6,840	D	
Common Stock	10/01/2007		A		4,332	A	$ 0	11,172	D	

Common Stock	10/01/2007		A	7,801	A	$ 0	18,973	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction 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 Amo Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or Nu of
Incentive Stock Option	$ 16.77	10/01/2007		A		17,888		10/01/2007	12/31/2010	Common Stock	17
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	$ 16.77	10/01/2007		A		2,071		10/01/2007	12/31/2010	Common Stock	2
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	$ 13.55	10/01/2007		A		1,491		10/01/2007	10/25/2011	Common Stock	1
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	$ 13.55	10/01/2007		A		2,945		10/01/2007	10/25/2011	Common Stock	2
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	$ 19.6	10/01/2007		A		3,937		10/01/2007	07/01/2012	Common Stock	3
Incentive Stock Option	$ 19.6	10/01/2007		A		1,940		10/01/2007	07/01/2012	Common Stock	1
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	$ 17.6	10/01/2007		A		1,893		10/01/2007	09/30/2012	Common Stock	1
Incentive Stock Option	$ 17.6	10/01/2007		A		934		10/01/2007	09/30/2012	Common Stock	9
Non-Qualified Stock Option	$ 20.63	10/01/2007		A		3,510		10/01/2007	12/30/2012	Common Stock	3

(Right-to-Buy)								
Incentive Stock Option	$ 20.63	10/01/2007	A	1,729	10/01/2007	12/30/2012	Common Stock	1
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	$ 20.93	10/01/2007	A	4,452	10/01/2007	03/31/2013	Common Stock	4
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	$ 22.19	10/01/2007	A	34,959	10/01/2007	05/05/2013	Common Stock	34
Incentive Stock Option	$ 22.19	10/01/2007	A	4,961	10/01/2007	05/05/2013	Common Stock	4
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	$ 24.4	10/01/2007	A	6,611	10/01/2007	06/30/2013	Common Stock	6
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	$ 25.25	10/01/2007	A	933	10/01/2007	10/21/2013	Common Stock	9
Incentive Stock Option	$ 25.25	10/01/2007	A	1	10/01/2007	10/21/2013	Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	$ 30.6	10/01/2007	A	6,392	10/01/2007	02/10/2014	Common Stock	6
Incentive Stock Option	$ 30.6	10/01/2007	A	3,149	10/01/2007	02/10/2014	Common Stock	3
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	$ 29.48	10/01/2007	A	4,829	10/01/2007	04/20/2014	Common Stock	4
Incentive Stock Option	$ 29.48	10/01/2007	A	160	10/01/2007	04/20/2014	Common Stock	1
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	$ 29.48	10/01/2007	A	8,871	10/01/2007	04/20/2014	Common Stock	8
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	$ 30.22	10/01/2007	A	4,990	10/01/2007	07/20/2014	Common Stock	4
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	$ 34.03	10/01/2007	A	2,217	10/01/2007	10/19/2014	Common Stock	2
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	$ 35.51	10/01/2007	A	7,841	10/01/2007	02/08/2016	Common Stock	7
Non-Qualified Stock Option	$ 35.51	10/01/2007	A	10,682	10/01/2007	02/08/2016	Common Stock	10

(Right-to-Buy)									
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	$ 35.94	10/01/2007		A	10,947	10/01/2007	02/13/2017	Common Stock	10
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	$ 43	10/01/2007		A	36,143	10/01/2010	10/01/2017	Common Stock	36

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GEORGE DAVID C 5900 LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE ORLANDO, FL 32809			Pres of LongHorn Steakhouse	

Signatures

By: Douglas E. Wentz, Attorney-in-Fact for David C. George	10/03/2007
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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