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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

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[_]	Check box if no longer s may continue. See Instruc		on 16.	Form 4 or Form 5 obligation	18			
1.	Name and Address of Repor	ting Person*						
Heck	el	Gary						
(Last)	(First)		(Middle)				
5900	LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE							
		(Street)						
ORLA	NDO	FLORIDA		32809				
(City)	(State)		(Zip)				
DARD:	Issuer Name and Ticker or EN RESTAURANTS, INC. (DRI) IRS Identification Number		 erson,	if an Entity (Voluntary)				
4.	Statement for Month/Year							
5.	If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)							
6.	6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable)							
	<pre>[_] Director [X] Officer (give title</pre>	below)		10% Owner Other (specify below)				
SENI	OR VICE PRESIDENT							

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

	[X] Form filed by one Reporting Person [_] Form filed by more than one Reporting Person								
Table I Non-Derivative or Benef	=								
	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acq Disposed of (D (Instr. 3, 4 a)	(A)				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)			Amount	or					
(111501. 3)	(IIIII) dd/ yy)			(D)					
Common Stock	07/17/01	M 	5,000	A 	\$10.9375				
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Common Stock	07/17/01	S	5,000	D	\$31.00				
Common Stock	07/17/01		5,000	D	\$32.00				

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

(Print or Type Response) (Over)

^{*} If the Form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction $4\,(b)\,(v)$.

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

	Price Tof a Deriv- Dative ((Month/	Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
1. Title of									Amount or	
Derivative Security						Exer-	Expira- tion		Number of	
(Instr. 3)	ity 	Year) 	Code V	(A)	(D)	cisable 	Date	Title	Shares	
Stock Option	\$10.9375	07/17/01	М		5,000	05/30/00	05/30/05	Common Stock	5,000	\$
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Explanation of Resp 1 Restricted Stoc Directors.		uthorized	by Darde	n Resta	urants,	Inc. Boar	rd of			

BY: DOUGLAS E. WENTZ, Attorney-in-fact

**Signature of Reporting Person

/s/ Douglas E. Wentz

8/10/01

Date

GARY HECKEL 5900 LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE P.O. BOX 593330 ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32859-3330 DARDEN RESTAURANTS, INC. (DRI) 7/2001

** 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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