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DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC Form 8-K September 25, 2003

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 25,2003.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 25, 2003

Darden Restaurants, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Florida1-1366659-3305930(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)(IRS employer
identification No.)

5900 Lake Ellenor Drive, Orlando, Florida 32809 (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (407) 245-4000

Not Applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 5. Other Events.

At the Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on September 25, 2003, the shareholders of the Company took the following actions:

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1. Elected eleven directors (Leonard L. Berry, Odie C. Donald, David H. Hughes, Joe R. Lee, Senator Connie Mack, III, Richard E. Rivera, Michael D. Rose, Maria A. Sastre, Jack A. Smith, Blaine Sweatt, III, and Rita P. Wilson); and

2. Approved the appointment of KPMG LLP as independent auditors for the fiscal year ending May 30, 2004.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: September 25, 2003

DARDEN RESTAURANTS, INC.

By: /s/ Paula J. Shives

Paula J. Shives Senior Vice President General Counsel and Secretary