DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Form 8-K

December 20, 2006	
UNITED STATES	
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: December 19, 2006	
(Date of earliest event reported)	
DARDEN RESTAURANTS, INC.	
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)	
Commission File Number: 1-13666	
Florida (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	59-3305930 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
5900 Lake Ellenor Drive, Orlando, Florida 32809	
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)	
(407) 245-4000	

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)
Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:
o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The Company issued a news release dated December 19, 2006, entitled Darden Restaurants Reports 17% Second Quarter Diluted Net Earnings Per Share Growth, a copy of which is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1 hereto, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. The information in this Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	<u>Description</u>	
99.1	Press release dated December 19, 2006, entitled Diluted Net Earnings Per Share Growth.	Darden Restaurants Reports 17% Second Quarter

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.

DARDEN RESTAURANTS, INC.

By: /s/ Paula J. Shives

Paula J. Shives

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and

Secretary

Date: December 19, 2006

EXHIBIT INDEX

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