#### CHECKERS DRIVE IN RESTAURANTS INC /DE

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Form 4
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January 10, 2003
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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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   STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
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Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.
See Instructions 1(b).
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
KOEHLER, DAVID G.
5006 DAVENSHIRE WAY
TAMPA, FL 33647
U.S.A.
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CHECKERS DRIVE-IN RESTAURANTS, INC. (CHKR)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
JANUARY 9, 2003
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
( ) Director ( ) 10% Owner ( X ) Officer (Give Title Below)
   ) Other (Specify Below)
VICE PRESIDENT, CFO AND TREASURER
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable)
(X ) Form Filed by One Reporting Person
   ) Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person
SUBJECT COMPANY:
       COMPANY DATA:
                                                    CHECKERS DRIVE-IN RESTAURANTS, INC.
               COMPANY CONFORMED NAME:
               CENTRAL INDEX KEY:
                                                                     0000879554
               STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION:
                                                             RETAIL-EATING PLACES [5812]
               IRS NUMBER:
                                                                     581654960
               STATE OF INCORPORATION:
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               FISCAL YEAR END:
                                                                      1231
               SEC FILE NUMBER:
                                                                      000-19649
       BUSINESS/MAILING ADDRESS:
               STREET 1:
                                                                              4300 WEST CYPRESS
               CITY:
                                                                             TAMPA
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STATE: FL

ZIP: 33607 BUSINESS PHONE: 8132837000

Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Title of Non-Derivative Security Transaction Date

Transaction Code

Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D)
Amount Beneficially Owned at End of Month Ownership Form: Direct or Indirect

Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Code V Amount A/D Price

Common Stock 01/09/03 P V 57.5920 A \$6.61446 3,048.8461

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

Title of Derivative Security Conversion or Exercise Price Transaction Date Transaction Code

Number of Securities Acquired or Disposed

Date Exercisable

Expiration Date
Title of
Securities
Amount of Underlying Securities
Price of Security
Number Beneficially Owned End of Month
Ownership Direct or Indirect
Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Code

V

(A)

(D)

Explanation of Responses:	
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Signature of Reporting Person	Date