DUNN PETER MERRILL

Form 4

September 16, 2005

FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] DUNN PETER MERRILL	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol **STEAK & SHAKE CO [SNS]**	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _____ Director _____ 10% Owner __X__ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify below) below) President, CEO
(Last) (First) (Middle) 36 S. PENNSYLVANIA, SUITE 500	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/14/2005	
(Street) INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		

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								73,400	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 Amoun Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)	
								Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
				Code	V	(A)	(D)				
Option	$ 10.7							09/30/2002(1)	09/30/2007(1)	Common Stock	20,0
Option	$ 17.14							08/04/2004(1)	08/04/2009(1)	Common Stock	25,0
Option	$ 19.75	09/14/2005		A		25,000		09/14/2005(1)	09/14/2005(1)	Common Stock	25,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DUNN PETER MERRILL 36 S. PENNSYLVANIA SUITE 500 INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204			President, CEO	

Signatures

David C. Milne, Attorney in Fact	09/16/2005
**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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(1) The Options granted to Mr. Dunn vest 20% immediately and 20% each anniversary of the date of grant, until fully vested.

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