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November 08, 2002

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 (Date of earliest event reported) November 7, 2002

Commission File Number: 000-17962

Applebee's International, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

43-1461763

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

4551 W. 107th Street, Suite 100, Overland Park, Kansas 66207

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(913) 967-4000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

None

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 5. Other Events

On November 7, 2002, Applebee's International, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release entitled " Applebee's International Completes Acquisition of 21

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Franchise Restaurants." The press release contained the following information.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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APPLEBEE'S INTERNATIONAL COMPLETES
ACQUISITION OF 21 FRANCHISE RESTAURANTS

OVERLAND PARK, KAN., November 7, 2002 -- Applebee's International, Inc. (Nasdaq:APPB) announced today that it has completed the previously announced acquisition of 21 franchise restaurants located in the Washington, D.C. area.

Lloyd L. Hill, chairman and chief executive officer, said, "We welcome this team of associates to Applebee's International, and look forward to accelerating development in this market. The addition of these restaurants brings our company ownership to 24 percent of the system total."

Applebee's International, Inc., headquartered in Overland Park, Kan., develops, franchises and operates restaurants under the Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar brand, the largest casual dining concept in the world. There are currently 1,473 Applebee's restaurants operating system-wide in 49 states and eight international countries. Additional information on Applebee's International can be found at the company's website (www.applebees.com).

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

APPLEBEE'S INTERNATIONAL, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: November 7, 2002

By: /s/ Steven K. Lumpkin

Steven K. Lumpkin
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

