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

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 16)\*

Danaher Corporation

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share

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(Title of Class of Securities)

23585110

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(CUSIP Number)

Michael G. Ryan  
2099 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, 12/th/ Floor  
Washington, DC 20006-1813  
(202) 828-0060

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and  
Communications)

April 22, 2003

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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition which is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(b)(3) or (4), check the following box .

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with the statement . (A fee is not required only if the reporting person: (1) has a previous statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more than five percent of the class of securities described in Item 1; and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of such class.)

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(See Rule 13d-7.)

Note: Six copies of this statement, including all exhibits, should be filed with the Commission. See Rule 13d-1(a) for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Equity Group Holdings LLC

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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a) [X]  
(b) [ ]

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3 SEC USE ONLY

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS\*

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5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO  
ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) [ ]

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

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7 SOLE VOTING POWER  
14,314,888

NUMBER OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY  
EACH  
REPORTING

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8 SHARED VOTING POWER  
None  
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PERSON 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
WITH 14,314,888

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10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
None

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11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
14,314,888

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12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
9.4%

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14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
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S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
Equity Group Holdings II LLC

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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a) [X]  
(b) [ ]

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USA

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 3,692,482
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER None
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 3,692,482
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER None

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
3,692,482

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
2.4%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
OO

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S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
Equity Group Holdings III LLC

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(b) [ ]

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS\*

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 12,000,000
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER None
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 12,000,000
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER None

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

12,000,000

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

7.9%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
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Steven M. Rales

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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a) [X]  
(b) [ ]

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS\*

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO  
ITEMS 2 (d) or 2 (e) [ ]

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
USA

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 2,288,331
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER 30,007,370
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 2,288,331
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 30,007,370

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
32,295,701

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
21.1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
IN

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
  
Mitchell P. Rales

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a)   
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS\*

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO  
ITEMS 2 (d) or 2 (e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
USA

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 2,620,921
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER 30,007,370
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 2,620,921
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 30,007,370

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
  
32,628,291

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
  
21.4%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
  
IN

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This Amendment No. 15 to Schedule 13D amends and supplements, in accordance with Rule 13d-2, the Schedule 13D and amendments thereto previously filed by and on behalf of the Reporting Persons.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

Item 5 is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

As of the date hereof, Equity Group Holdings LLC is the beneficial owner of 14,314,888 Shares, representing approximately 9.4% of the 152,824,788 Shares outstanding on April 10, 2003, as represented in the Issuer's Form 10-Q filed on April 17, 2003. As of the date hereof, Equity Group Holdings II LLC is the beneficial owner of 3,692,482 Shares representing approximately 2.4% of the 152,824,788 Shares outstanding on April 10, 2003, as represented in the Issuer's Form 10-Q filed on April 17, 2003. As of the date hereof, Equity Group Holdings III LLC is the beneficial owner of 12,000,000 Shares representing approximately 7.9% of the 152,824,788 Shares outstanding on April 10, 2003, as represented in the Issuer's Form 10-Q filed on April 17, 2003. As of the date hereof, Mitchell P. Rales is the beneficial owner of 32,628,291 Shares representing approximately 21.4% of the 152,824,788 Shares outstanding on April 10, 2003, as represented in the Issuer's Form 10-Q filed on April 17, 2003. As of the date hereof, Steven M. Rales is the beneficial owner of 32,295,701 Shares representing approximately 21.1% of the 152,824,788 Shares outstanding on April 10, 2003, as represented in the Issuer's Form 10-Q filed on April 17, 2003. The Shares beneficially owned by each of Steven M. Rales and Mitchell P. Rales include Shares pledged as collateral to secure a loan of Shares to each of them by Capital Yield Corporation.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: April 23, 2003

By: /s/ Steven M. Rales

Steven M. Rales

By: /s/ Mitchell P. Rales

Mitchell P. Rales

EQUITY GROUP HOLDINGS LLC

By: /s/ Michael G. Ryan

Michael G. Ryan, Vice President



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EQUITY GROUP HOLDINGS II LLC

By: /s/ Michael G. Ryan

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Michael G. Ryan, Vice President

EQUITY GROUP HOLDINGS III LLC

By: /s/ Michael G. Ryan

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Michael G. Ryan, Vice President