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September 18, 2001

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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): September 17, 2001

RARE HOSPITALITY INTERNATIONAL, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Georgia	0-19924	58-1498312
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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

8215 Roswell Rd, Bldg. 600, Atlanta, GA 30350

(Addresses of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

(770) 399-9595

(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

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ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On September 17, 2001 RARE Hospitality, Inc. (the "Company") announced that its Board of Directors has authorized the use of up to \$15.0 million to repurchase the Company's common stock.

See the Company's Press Release dated September 17, 2001 attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto, which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.

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ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION, AND EXHIBITS.

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(c) Exhibits.

EXHIBIT NO. -----	DESCRIPTION -----
99.1	Press Release dated September 17, 2001

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SIGNATURE

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.

RARE HOSPITALITY INTERNATIONAL, INC.

By: /s/ W. DOUGLAS BENN

Name: W. Douglas Benn
Title: Executive Vice President, Finance
and Chief Financial Officer

Date: September 17, 2001