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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person \*

Rawls Craig

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

08/10/2005

4. Relationship of Reporting

(Check all applicable)

**VP** Finance

Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O RUTHS CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, INC., Â 3321 **HESSMER AVENUE** 

(Street)

Director \_X\_\_ Officer

10% Owner

Ruths Chris Steak House, Inc. [RUTH]

Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

METAIRIE. LAÂ 70002

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5) Form: Direct (D)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** 

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security** 

Conversion or Exercise Price of

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5. Ownership Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Date Exercisable Expiration Date

(Instr. 4) Title

Amount or Number of Derivative Security

(Instr. 5) Security: Direct (D)

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Shares or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Employee Stock Option (right to buy) 08/16/2005 08/16/2015 Common Stock 7,500 \$ 20.35 D Â

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Rawls Craig

C/O RUTHS CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, INC. 3321 HESSMER AVENUE

METAIRIE, LAÂ 70002

# **Signatures**

Thomas E. O'Keefe, under Power of
Attorney

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
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