STAGE STORES INC Form 3/A January 04, 2002

FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE

COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF

BENEFICIAL

OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities
Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the
Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of
1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Stasyszen	Richard	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
10201 Main Street		
(Street)		
<u>Houston</u>	<u>TX</u>	<u>77025</u>
(City)	(State)	(Zip)

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2. Date of Event Requiring	ar)	<u>December 28, 2001</u>		
3. IRS Identification Numb	per of Reporting Person if an	n entity		
(Voluntary)				
4. Issuer Name and Ticker	<u>Sta</u>	age Stores, Inc./STGS		
5. Relationship of Reportin	ng Person(s) to Issuer (Check	k all applicable)		
Director _X_ Offic	er10% Owner	Other		
(specify below) (spec			y below)	
	SVP, Finance and Control	oller		
6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) December 28, 200			December 28, 2001	
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)				
X Form Filed by One I	Reporting Person			
Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
	Table INon-Derivative	Securities Beneficially Ow	rned	
1. Title of Security	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)	
Common Stock	None			
(\$0.01 par value)				

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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 (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Stock Options	(See Below)	50,000 shares of Common Stock (\$0.01 par value)	(See Below)	D	
		(See Below)			

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

Explanation of Reponses:

The options were issued in three equal groupings with per share exercise prices of \$13.75, \$15.00 and \$16.25, respectively. The right to exercise these options will vest over four years from August 24, 2001, with 25% of each grouping vesting at the end of each of the first four years following the date of grant, and will expire on the earlier of (i) sixty days after the termination of the Officer's employment with the Company and (ii) ten years from the date of grant.

/s/ Richard Stasyszen	<u>January 4, 2002</u>
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *See* Instruction 6 for procedure.

^{**} Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).