

STEAK & SHAKE CO  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â COOLEY PHILIP L</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O TRINITY UNIVERSITY,Â ONE TRINITY PLACE</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>SAN ANTONIO,Â TXÂ 78212</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>03/12/2008</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>STEAK &amp; SHAKE CO [SNS]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, par value \$.50	12,300	D <sup>(1)</sup>	Â
Common Stock, par value \$.50	3,000	I	By Spouse

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	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)
		Title			

(Instr. 5)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COOLEY PHILIP L C/O TRINITY UNIVERSITY ONE TRINITY PLACE SAN ANTONIO, TX 78212	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Cooley,  
Philip L. 03/14/2008

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Mr. Cooley, as a member of a Section 13(d) group with respect to the securities of the Issuer with The Lion Fund, L.P. ("Lion Fund") and Western Acquisitions L.P. ("Western Acquisitions"), may also be deemed to beneficially own an additional 941,200 shares and 1,467,445 shares of the Issuer beneficially owned by the Lion Fund and Western Acquisitions, respectively. Mr. Cooley disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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