UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
FORM 4 - STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
( ) Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person:
Maurer, Jonathan H.
Two NorthShore Center
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol:
Matthews International Corporation - MATW

3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary):

4. Statement for Month/Day/Year:
March 4, 2003

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year):

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable):
( ) Director (X) Officer ( ) 10% Owner ( ) Other
(title below) (specify below)
President, York Casket Division

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line):
(X) Form filed by one Reporting Person
( ) Form filed by more than one Reporting Person

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Trans-action Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Trans-action Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Period	6. Owner-ship Form: Direct(D) or In-direct(I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
		Code	V	Amount	A/D	Price		
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Class A Common Stock	03/04/03	P		1,100	A	$22.95	1,100	D

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Table II -- Derivative Securitites Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conver-sion or Exercise Price of Deriva-tive Security	3. Trans-action Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Trans-action Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired(A) or Dis-posed of(D)		6. Date Exer-cisable and Expir-ation Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities		8. Deri-vative Security	9. Number of Deriva-tive Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10. Owner-ship Form: Direct(D) or In-direct(I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	V	Amount	A/D	Date Exerci-sable	Expir-ation Date	Title	Amount or Num-ber of Shares			
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Explanation of Responses:

Jonathan H. Maurer 3/5/2003

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Signature Of Reporting Person Date