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Form 8-K  
April 15, 2003

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) April 15, 2003  
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NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-5965  
(Commission File Number)

36-2723087  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

Fifty South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois  
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60675

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (312) 630-6000  
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Item 5. Other Events

The information contained in the registrant's April 15, 2003 press release, reporting on the registrant's earnings for the first quarter of 2003, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 99 hereto, is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits:

Exhibit 99 April 15, 2003 Press Release

Item 12. Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition

The registrant has elected to file this information under Item 5.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the

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registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

Dated: April 15, 2003

By: /s/ Perry R. Pero

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Perry R. Pero  
Vice Chairman  
and Chief Financial Officer

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