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FIRST BANCTRUST CORP  
Form 8-K  
April 19, 2006

UNITED STATES  
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 19, 2006 (April 17, 2006)

FIRST BANCTRUST CORPORATION

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| DELAWARE                    | 000-32535    | 37-1406661          |
| State or other jurisdiction | (Commission  | (IRS Employer       |
| of Incorporation            | File Number) | Identification No.) |

206 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE, PARIS, IL 61944

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(217) 465-6381

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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- / / Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

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Effective April 17, 2006, John Graham, previously a director for First Bank & Trust, the Company's wholly-owned bank subsidiary, was also appointed to First BancTrust's, the holding company's, Board of Directors. Mr. Graham will serve on the Company's audit and compensation committees.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FIRST BANCTRUST CORPORATION

Dated: April 19, 2006

/s/ Terry J. Howard

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Terry J. Howard  
President and Chief Executive Officer