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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For The Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 2006

Commission File Number 0-16759

FIRST FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

INDIANA (State or other jurisdiction incorporation or organization)	35-1546989 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
One First Financial Plaza, Terre Haute, IN (Address of principal executive office)	47807 (Zip Code)

(812)238-6000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes X No .

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer ___ Accelerated filer X Non-accelerated filer ___ .

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes ___ No X .

As of April 28, 2006, the Registrant had outstanding 13,313,785 shares of common stock, without par value.

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Part I - Financial Information

Item 1. Financial Statements

FIRST FINANCIAL CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Dollar amounts in thousands, except per share data)

	March 31, 2006 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2005
ASSETS		
Cash and due from banks	$ 68,891	$ 78,201

Federal funds sold and short-term investments	28,407	2,982
Securities available-for-sale	558,038	536,291
Loans:		
Commercial, financial and agricultural	387,020	382,214
Real estate - construction	29,939	31,918
Real estate - mortgage	696,774	707,008
Installment	264,827	272,062
Lease financing	2,977	2,845
	1,381,537	1,396,047
Less:		
Unearned income	(279)	(306)
Allowance for loan losses	(16,859)	(16,042)
	1,364,399	1,379,699
Accrued interest receivable	11,513	12,537
Premises and equipment, net	30,833	31,270
Bank-owned life insurance	56,332	55,832
Goodwill	7,102	7,102
Other intangible assets	2,721	2,860
Other real estate owned	4,406	4,115
Other assets	22,128	26,029
TOTAL ASSETS	$2,154,770	$2,136,918
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Deposits:		
Noninterest-bearing	$ 189,097	$ 182,416
Interest-bearing:		
Certificates of deposit of $100 or more	217,192	189,493
Other interest-bearing deposits	1,096,755	1,093,009
	1,503,044	1,464,918
Short-term borrowings	9,462	26,224
Other borrowings	343,855	343,866
Other liabilities	26,576	32,587
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,882,937	1,867,595
Shareholders' equity		
Common stock, $.125 stated value per share; Authorized shares--40,000,000 Issued shares-14,450,966 Outstanding shares--13,313,785 in 2006 and 13,373,570 in 2005	1,806	1,806
Additional paid-in capital	67,670	67,670
Retained earnings	229,219	223,710
Accumulated other comprehensive income	594	1,903
Treasury shares at cost 1,137,181 in 2006 and 1,077,396 in 2005	(27,456)	(25,766)
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	271,833	269,323
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	$2,154,770	$2,136,918

See accompanying notes.

FIRST FINANCIAL CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(Dollar amounts in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2006 (Unaudited)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2005 (Unaudited)
INTEREST INCOME:		
Loans, including related fees	$24,106	$23,294
Securities:		
Taxable	5,065	3,757
Tax-exempt	1,535	1,652
Other	717	662
TOTAL INTEREST INCOME	31,423	29,365
INTEREST EXPENSE:		
Deposits	8,198	5,953
Short-term borrowings	142	198
Other borrowings	4,687	4,871
TOTAL INTEREST EXPENSE	13,027	11,022
NET INTEREST INCOME	18,396	18,343
Provision for loan losses	2,203	2,223
NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES	16,193	16,120
NON-INTEREST INCOME:		
Trust department income	914	975
Service charges and fees on deposit accounts	2,737	2,605
Other service charges and fees	1,347	1,617
Securities gains/(losses), net	8	6
Insurance commissions	1,374	1,339
Gain on sales of mortgage loans	131	187
Other	902	1,003
TOTAL NON-INTEREST INCOME	7,413	7,732
NON-INTEREST EXPENSE:		
Salaries and employee benefits	10,259	9,264
Occupancy expense	941	989
Equipment expense	1,043	918
Other	3,973	4,170
TOTAL NON-INTEREST EXPENSE	16,216	15,341
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	7,390	8,511
Provision for income taxes	1,881	2,200

NET INCOME	$ 5,509	$ 6,311
PER SHARE DATA:		
Basic and Diluted	$ .41	$ .47
Earnings per share		
Weighted average number of shares outstanding (in thousands)	13,351	13,521

See accompanying notes.

FIRST FINANCIAL CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
Three Months Ended
March 31, 2006, and 2005
(Dollar amounts in thousands, except per share data)
(Unaudited)

	Common Stock	Additional Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss)	Treas Stoc
Balance, January 1, 2005	$1,806	$67,519	$211,623	$ 8,357	$ (20,
Comprehensive income:					
Net income			6,311		
Change in net unrealized gains/(losses) on securities available for-sale				(3,105)	
Total comprehensive income/(loss)					
Treasury stock purchase					(1,
Balance, March 31, 2005	$1,806	$67,519	$217,934	$ 5,252	$ (22,
Balance, January 1, 2006	$1,806	$67,670	$223,710	$ 1,903	($25,
Comprehensive income:					
Net income	--	--	5,509	--	
Change in net unrealized gains/(losses) on securities available for-sale	--	--	--	(1,309)	
Total comprehensive income/(loss)					
Treasury stock purchase	--	--	--		(1,
Balance, March 31, 2006	$1,806	$67,670	$229,219	$ 594	$ (27,

See accompanying notes.

FIRST FINANCIAL CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Dollar amounts in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2006	Three Months Ended March 31, 2005
	(Unaudited)	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net Income	$ 5,509	$ 6,311
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Net amortization/ (accretion) of premiums and discounts on investments	(517)	(141)
Provision for loan losses	2,203	2,223
Securities (gains) losses	(8)	(6)
Depreciation and amortization	881	832
Other, net	4,890	2,023
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	12,958	11,242
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Sales of securities available-for-sale	736	1,629
Maturities and principal reductions on securities available-for-sale	25,383	32,141
Purchases of securities available-for-sale	(49,523)	(41,854)
Loans made to customers, net of repayments	12,806	12,813
Net change in federal funds sold	(25,425)	4,250
Additions to premises and equipment	(305)	(735)
NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(36,328)	8,244
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Net change in deposits	38,126	23,336
Net change in short-term borrowings	(16,762)	(54,693)
Dividends paid	(5,603)	(5,414)
Purchase of treasury stock	(1,690)	(1,367)
Repayments on other borrowings	(11)	(10)
NET CASH FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	14,060	(38,148)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(9,310)	(18,662)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	78,201	94,928
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	$ 68,891	$ 76,266

See accompanying notes.

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FIRST FINANCIAL CORPORATION
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying March 31, 2006 and 2005 consolidated financial statements are unaudited. The December 31, 2005 consolidated financial statements are as reported in the First Financial Corporation (the "Corporation") 2005 annual report. The information presented does not include all information and footnotes required by U.S. generally accepted accounting procedures for complete financial statements. The following notes should be read together with notes to the consolidated financial statements included in the 2005 annual report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to Form 10-K.

1. The significant accounting policies followed by the Corporation and its subsidiaries for interim financial reporting are consistent with the accounting policies followed for annual financial reporting. All adjustments which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair statement of the results for the periods reported have been included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements and are of a normal recurring nature. The Corporation reports financial information for only one segment, banking. Some items in the prior year financials were reclassified to conform to the current presentation.

2. A loan is considered to be impaired when, based upon current information and events, it is probable that the Corporation will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan. Impairment is primarily measured based on the fair value of the loan's collateral. The following table summarizes impaired loan information:

	(000's)	
	March 31, 2006	December 31, 2005
Impaired loans with related allowance for loan losses calculated under SFAS No. 114	$1,937	$3,622
Impaired loans with no related allowance for loan losses	501	500
	$2,438	$4,122

Interest payments on impaired loans are typically applied to principal unless collection of the principal amount is deemed to be fully assured, in which case interest is recognized on a cash basis.

3. Securities

The amortized cost and fair value of the Corporation's investments are shown below. All securities are classified as available-for-sale.

	(000's) March 31, 2006		D
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amorti
United States Government entity mortgage-backed securities	$335,934	$328,588	$30
Collateralized Mortgage Obligations	127	134	
State and Municipal Obligations	127,566	13,399	12
Corporate Obligations	88,978	89,417	8

Equity Securities	4,446	8,500	
	$557,051	$558,038	$53

4. Short-Term Borrowings

Period-end short-term borrowings were comprised of the following:

	(000's)	
	March 31, 2006	December 31, 2005
Federal Funds Purchased	$4,460	$19,032
Repurchase Agreements	4,943	5,579
Note Payable - U.S. Government	59	1,613
	$9,462	$26,224

5. Other Borrowings

Other borrowings at period-end are summarized as follows:

	(000's)	
	March 31, 2006	December 31, 2005
FHLB advances	$337,255	$337,266
City of Terre Haute, Indiana economic development revenue bonds	6,600	6,600
	$343,855	$343,866

6. Components of Net Periodic Benefit Cost

Three Months ended March 31,

(000's)	
Pension Benefits	Post-Retirement Health Benefits

	2006	2005	2006	2005
Service cost	$ 749	$ 701	$ 29	$ 35
Interest cost	591	622	75	80
Expected return on plan assets	(698)	(821)	--	--
Amortization of transition obligation	--	--	15	15
Amortization of prior service cost	14	14	--	--
Amortization of net (gain) loss	190	62	60	63
Net Periodic Benefit Cost	$ 846	$ 578	$179	$193

Employer Contributions

First Financial Corporation previously disclosed in its financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2005 that it expected to contribute $1.5 and $1.2 million respectively to its Pension Plan and ESOP and $294,000 to the Post Retirement Health Benefits Plan in 2006. First Financial Corporation anticipates contributing $1.5and $1.2 million respectively to its Pension Plan and ESOP in 2006. Contributions of $118,000 have been made through the first quarter of 2006 for the Post Retirement Health Benefits plan. First Financial Corporation anticipates contributing an additional $200,000 to the Post Retirement Health Benefits plan in 2006.

ITEMS 2. and 3. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

The purpose of this discussion is to point out key factors in the Corporation's recent performance compared with earlier periods. The discussion should be read in conjunction with the financial statements beginning on page three of this report. All figures are for the consolidated entities. It is presumed the readers of these financial statements and of the following narrative have previously read the Corporation's annual report for 2005.

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements provide current expectations or forecasts of future events and are not guarantees of future performance, nor should they be relied upon as representing management's views as of any subsequent date. The forward-looking statements are based on management's expectations and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. Although management believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in such statements. Risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially include, without limitation, the Corporation's ability to effectively execute its business plans; changes in general economic and financial market conditions; changes in interest rates; changes in the competitive environment; continuing consolidation in the financial services industry; new litigation or changes in existing litigation; losses, customer bankruptcy, claims and assessments; changes in banking regulations or other regulatory or legislative requirements affecting the Corporation's business; and changes in accounting policies or procedures as may be required by the Financial Accounting Standards Board or other regulatory agencies. Additional information concerning factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements is available in the Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005, and subsequent filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Copies of these filings are available at no cost on the SEC's Web site at www.sec.gov or on the Corporation's Web site at www.first-online.com. Management may elect to update forward-looking statements at some future point; however, it specifically disclaims any obligation to do so.

Critical Accounting Policies

Certain of the Corporation's accounting policies are important to the portrayal of the Corporation's financial condition and results of operations, since they require management to make difficult, complex or subjective judgments, some of which may relate to matters that are inherently uncertain. Estimates associated with these policies are susceptible to material changes as a result of changes in facts and circumstances. Facts and circumstances which could affect these judgments include, but without limitation, changes in interest rates, in the performance of the economy or in the financial condition of borrowers. Management believes that its critical accounting policies include determining the allowance for loan losses and the valuation of goodwill. See further discussion of these critical accounting policies in the 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Summary of Operating Results

Net income for the three months ended March 31, 2006 was $5.5 million compared to $6.3 million in the same period in 2005. Basic earnings per share decreased to $0.41 for the first quarter of 2006 compared to $0.47 for 2005, a 12.8% decrease.

The primary components of income and expense affecting net income are discussed in the following analysis.

Net Interest Income

The Corporation's primary source of earnings is net interest income, which is the difference between the interest earned on loans and other investments and the interest paid for deposits and other sources of funds. Net interest income increased to $18.4 million in the first three months of 2006 from $18.3 million in the same period in 2005, a 0.3% increase. The net interest margin increased to 3.94% in 2006 from 3.92% in 2005, a 0.5% increase, driven by an increase in the proportion of funding provided by non-interest bearing deposits.

Non-Interest Income

The Non-interest income for the quarter was $7.4 million. Reduced income from loan originations, which are down as a result of lower loan demand, was the major difference between these results and the $7.7 million of non-interest income for the same period in 2005. Deposit fee income was increased which directly relates to the higher level of deposits in 2006.

Non-Interest Expenses

The Corporation's non-interest expense for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 compared to the same period in 2005 increased by $875 thousand or 5.7%. Equipment expenses and personnel costs were higher during the first quarter of 2006 compared to the same period of 2005. Cost increases included merit increases in salaries and higher benefit costs. First Financial Bank opened a new branch, which contributes to the increase in non-interest expense for the first three months of 2006 compared to the same period of 2005. Income tax expense remained relatively level. The effective tax rate for the two periods was 25.5% and 25.9% respectively.

Allowance for Loan Losses

The Corporation's provision for loan losses decreased $20 thousand for the first three months of 2006 compared to the same period of 2005. Net charge-offs for the first three months of 2006 were $1.4 million compared to $2.1 million for the same period in 2005. This is the lowest volume of net charge off's for a three month period since the third quarter of 2004. The allowance for loan losses has decreased from 1.38% of gross loans, or $20.1 million at March 31, 2005 to 1.22% of gross loans, or $16.9 million at March 31, 2006. Based on management's analysis of the current portfolio, an evaluation that includes consideration of historical loss experience and probable incurred losses on identified problem loans, management believes the allowance is adequate.

Non-performing Loans

Non-performing loans consist of (1) non-accrual loans on which the ultimate collectibility of the full amount of interest is uncertain, (2) loans which have been renegotiated to provide for a reduction or deferral of interest or principal because of a deterioration in the financial position of the borrower, and (3) loans past due ninety days or more as to principal or interest. A summary of non-performing loans at March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005 follows:

	(000's)	
	March 31, 2006	December 31, 2005
Non-accrual loans	$ 5,786	$ 8,464
Restructured loans	294	57
	6,080	8,521
Accruing loans past due over 90 days	5,321	6,354
	$11,401	$14,875
Ratio of the allowance for loan losses as a percentage of non-performing loans	148%	108%

The following loan categories comprise significant components of the nonperforming loans:

	(000's)	
	March 31, 2006	December 31, 2005
Non-Accrual Loans:		
1-4 family residential	$ 561	$1,118
Commercial loans	3,564	5,888
Installment loans	1,661	1,458
	$5,786	$8,464

Past due 90 days or more:		
1-4 family residential	$2,224	$3,197
Commercial loans	2,720	1,554
Installment loans	377	1,603
	$5,321	$6,354

Interest Rate Sensitivity and Liquidity

First Financial Corporation has established risk measures, limits and policy guidelines for managing interest rate risk and liquidity. Responsibility for management of these functions resides with the Asset Liability Committee. The primary goal of the Asset Liability Committee is to maximize net interest income within the interest rate risk limits approved by the Board of Directors.

Interest Rate Risk

Management considers interest rate risk to be the Corporation's most significant market risk. Interest rate risk is the exposure to changes in net interest income as a result of changes in interest rates. Consistency in the Corporation's net interest income is largely dependent on the effective management of this risk.

The Asset Liability position is measured using sophisticated risk management tools, including earning simulation and market value of equity sensitivity analysis. These tools allow management to quantify and monitor both short-term and long-term exposure to interest rate risk. Simulation modeling measures the effects of changes in interest rates, changes in the shape of the yield curve and the effects of embedded options on net interest income. This measure projects earnings in the various environments over the next three years. It is important to note that measures of interest rate risk have limitations and are dependent on various assumptions. These assumptions are inherently uncertain and, as a result, the model cannot precisely predict the impact of interest rate fluctuations on net interest income. Actual results will differ from simulated results due to timing, frequency and amount of interest rate changes as well as overall market conditions. The Committee has performed a thorough analysis of these assumptions and believes them to be valid and theoretically sound. These assumptions are continuously monitored for behavioral changes.

The Corporation from time to time utilizes derivatives to manage interest rate risk. Management continuously evaluates the merits of such interest rate risk products but does not anticipate the use of such products to become a major part of the Corporation's risk management strategy.

The table below shows the Corporation's estimated sensitivity profile as of March 31, 2006. The change in interest rates assumes a parallel shift in interest rates of 100 and 200 basis points. Given a 100 basis point increase in rates, net interest income would decrease .86% over the next 12 months and increase .96% over the following 12 months. Given a 100 basis point decrease in rates, net interest income would decrease 1.53% over the next 12 months and decrease 3.46% over the following 12 months. These estimates assume all rate changes occur overnight and management takes no action as a result of this change.

Basis Point Interest Rate Change	Percentage Change in Net Interest Income 12 months	24 months	36 months
Down 200	-3.53%	-7.47%	-12.86%
Down 100	-1.53	-3.46	-6.24
Up 100	-.86	.96	4.01
Up 200	-4.76	-1.49	4.73

Typical rate shock analysis does not reflect management's ability to react and thereby reduce the effect of rate changes, and represents a worst-case scenario.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity is measured by each bank's ability to raise funds to meet the obligations of its customers, including deposit withdrawals and credit needs. This is accomplished primarily by maintaining sufficient liquid assets in the form of investment securities and core deposits. The Corporation has $13.9 million of investments that mature throughout the coming 12 months. The Corporation also anticipates $69.6 million of principal payments from mortgage-backed securities. Given the current rate environment, the Corporation anticipates $16.8 million in securities to be called within the next 12 months. With these sources of funds, the Corporation currently anticipates adequate liquidity to meet the expected obligations of its customers.

Financial Condition

Comparing the first quarter of 2006 to the same period in 2005, average net loans are down 4.7% to $1.37 billion from $1.43 billion in 2005. Average deposits are up $16.6 million to $1.48 billion. Contributing to the improved net interest margin was the increase in average non-interest bearing deposits of 18.8% or $29.2 million. The investment portfolio and federal funds sold increased by an average of $52.4 million. Average shareholders' equity increased $566 thousand. This financial performance increased book value per share 2.0% to $20.42 at March 31, 2006 from $20.02 at March 31, 2005. Book value per share is calculated by dividing the total shareholders' equity by the number of shares outstanding.

Capital Adequacy

As of March 31, 2006, the most recent notification from the respective regulatory agencies categorized the subsidiary banks as well capitalized under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action. To be categorized as well capitalized the banks must maintain minimum total risk-based, Tier I risk-based and Tier I leverage ratios as set forth in the table. There are no conditions or events since that notification that management believes have changed the bank's category.

	March 31, 2006	December 31, 2005	To Be Well Capitalized
Total risk-based capital ratio			
Corporation	17.48%	16.99%	N/A
First Financial Bank	17.61%	17.09%	10.00%

Tier I risk-based capital ratio			
Corporation	16.42%	15.99%	N/A
First Financial Bank	16.67%	16.20%	6.00%
Tier I leverage capital ratio			
Corporation	12.29%	11.89%	N/A
First Financial Bank	12.18%	11.94%	5.00%

ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures

First Financial Corporation's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective disclosure controls and procedures, as defined under Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. As of March 31, 2006, an evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Corporation's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on that evaluation, management concluded that the Corporation's disclosure controls and procedures as of March 31, 2006 were effective in ensuring material information required to be disclosed in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q was recorded, processed, summarized, and reported on a timely basis. Additionally, there were no changes in the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended March 31, 2006 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II - Other Information

ITEM 1. Legal Proceedings.

There are no material pending legal proceedings, other than routine litigation incidental to the business of the Corporation or its subsidiaries, to which the Corporation or any of the subsidiaries is a party or of which any of their respective property is subject. Further, there is no material legal proceeding in which any director, officer, principal shareholder, or affiliate of the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries, or any associate of such director, officer, principal shareholder or affiliate is a party, or has a material interest, adverse to the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries.

ITEM 1A. Risk Factors.

There have been no material changes in the risk factors from those disclosed in the Corporation's 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

ITEM 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.

(a) None.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Purchases of Equity Securities

The Corporation periodically acquires shares of its common stock directly from shareholders in individually negotiated transactions. The Corporation has not adopted a formal policy or adopted a formal program for repurchases of shares of its common stock. Following is certain information regarding shares of common stock purchased by the Corporation during the quarter covered by this report.

	(a) Total Number Of Shares Purchased	(b) Average Price Paid Per Share	(c) Total Number Of Shares Purchased As Part Of Publicly Announced Plans Or Programs *	(d) Maximum Num Shares That Be Purcha
January 1 - 31, 2006	5,000	27.85	N/A	N/A
February 1 - 28, 2006	25,786	27.75	N/A	N/A
March 1 - 31, 2006	28,999	28.79	N/A	N/A
Total	59,785	28.26	N/A	N/A

* The Corporation has not adopted a formal policy or program regarding repurchases of its shares of stock.

ITEM 3. Defaults upon Senior Securities.

Not applicable.

ITEM 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

None

ITEM 5. Other Information.

Not applicable.

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ITEM 6. Exhibits.

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10.2	2001 Long-Term Incentive Plan of First Financial Corporation, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of the Corporation's Form 10-Q filed for the quarter ended September 30, 2002.

10.3	2006 Schedule of Director Compensation, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of the Corporation's Form 10-K filed for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005.
10.4	2006 Schedule of Named Executive Officer Compensation, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of the Corporation's Form 10-K filed for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005.
31.1	Sarbanes-Oxley Act 302 Certification for Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 by Principal Executive Officer, dated May 5 2006
31.2	Sarbanes-Oxley Act 302 Certification for Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 by Principal Financial Officer, dated May 5, 2006.
32.1	Certification, dated May 5, 2006, of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2005 on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2006.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

FIRST FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Date: May 5, 2006 By /s/ Donald E. Smith
Donald E. Smith, Chairman

Date: May 5, 2006 By /s/ Norman L. Lowery
Norman L. Lowery, Vice Chairman and CEO

Date: May 5, 2006 By /s/ Michael A. Carty
Michael A. Carty, Treasurer and CFO

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10.3	2006 Schedule of Director Compensation, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of the Corporation's Form 10-K filed for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005.
10.4	2006 Schedule of Named Executive Officer Compensation, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of the Corporation's Form 10-K filed for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005.
31.1	Sarbanes-Oxley Act 302 Certification for Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 by Principal Executive Officer, dated May 5 2006
31.2	Sarbanes-Oxley Act 302 Certification for Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 by Principal Financial Officer, dated May 5, 2006.
32.1	Certification, dated May 5, 2006, of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2005 on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2006.