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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

FIFTH THIRD BANCORP (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio 0-8076 31-0854434 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

Fifth Third Center
38 Fountain Square Plaza, Cincinnati, Ohio
(Address of principal executive offices)

45263 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (513) 534-5300

Not Applicable (Former name or address, if changed since last report)

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit (12)(a) - Computations of Consolidated Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges.

Exhibit (12)(b) - Computations of Consolidated Ratios of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock Dividend Requirements.

Exhibit 99.1 - Press release dated as of April 15, 2003.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On April 15, 2003, Fifth Third Bancorp issued a press release announcing its earnings release for the first quarter of 2003. A copy of this press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

This information, furnished under Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure, is also intended to be furnished under Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial

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Condition, in accordance with SEC Release No. 33-8216.

The information in this Form 8-K and Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference.

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.

FIFTH THIRD BANCORP (Registrant)

April 15, 2003

/s/ Neal E. Arnold

Neal E. Arnold

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer