SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP Form SC 13G February 06, 2006

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. _)*

SIMMONS FIRST NATL CORP-CL A

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

828730200

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2005

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

| Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed: |
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CUSIP No. 828730200

1. Names of Reporting Persons.

I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).

| | Dimensional Fund Advisors Inc. (Tax ID: 22-2370029) e Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions) |
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| (a) " | |
| (b) x 3. SEC Use | Only |
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| 4. Citizensh | nip or Place of Organization |
| | Delaware Corporation 5. Sole Voting Power |
| Number of | |
| Shares | |
| Beneficially | 733029 **see Note 1** 6. Shared Voting Power |
| Owned by | |
| Each | |
| Reporting | 0 |
| Person | 7. Sole Dispositive Power |
| With | |
| | 733029 **see Note 1** 8. Shared Dispositive Power |

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| 9. | Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person |
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733029 **see Note 1**

10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

N/A

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

5.12%

12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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Item 1. (a) Name of Issuer SIMMONS FIRST NATL CORP-CL A Address of Issuer s Principal Executive Offices 501 Main Street, Pine Bluff, AR 71601, United States Item 2. Name of Person Filing (a) Dimensional Fund Advisors Inc. Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence (b) 1299 Ocean Avenue, 11th Floor, Santa Monica, CA 90401 Citizenship (c) **Delaware Corporation** Title of Class of Securities Common Stock **CUSIP** Number 828730200 Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §\$240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a: (a) Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o). (b) Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c). (c) Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c). (d) Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C 80a-8). (e) An investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E); X An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F); (f) (g) A parent holding company or control person in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G); A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813); (h) (i) A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3); Group, in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

(j)

Item 4. Ownership.

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

733029 **see Note 1**

(b) Percent of class:

5.12%

| | (c) Number of shares as to which the person has: | | | | |
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| | | (i) | Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: | | |
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| | | | 733029 **see Note 1** | | |
| | | (ii) | Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: | | |
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| | | | 0 | | |
| | | (iii) | Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: | | |
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| | | | 733029 **see Note 1** | | |
| | | (iv) | Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: | | |
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| Funds. described Funds. He In additio | In its role in this sch owever, all on, the filing | as invedule secures of the | tain other commingled group trusts and separate accounts. These investment companies, trusts and accounts are the restment advisor or manager, Dimensional possesses investment and/or voting power over the securities of the Issuer that are owned by the Funds, and may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares of the Issuer held by the ities reported in this schedule are owned by the Funds. Dimensional disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities. It is Schedule 13G shall not be construed as an admission that the reporting person or any of its affiliates is the curities covered by this Schedule 13G for any other purposes than Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of | | |
| Item 5. | Ownersh | ip of l | Five Percent or Less of a Class | | |
| | | - | iled to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than | | |
| | | | securities, check the following []. | | |
| Item 6. | Ownersh | ip of | More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person. | | |
| Item 7. | All securities reported in this schedule are owned by advisory clients of Dimensional Fund Advisors Inc., no one of which, to the knowledge of Dimensional Fund Advisors, Inc., owns more than 5% of the class. Dimensional Fund Advisors Inc. disclaims beneficial ownership of all such securities. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company or Control Person. | | | | |
| | N/A | | | | |
| Item 8. | Identifica | ation a | and Classification of Members of the Group | | |
| | N/A | | | | |
| Item 9. | Notice of | f Diss | olution of Group | | |
| | N/A | | | | |

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in

the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or

Item 10.

Certification

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influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

| DIMENSIONAL FUND ADVISORS INC | 7. |
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| February 1, 2006 | |
| Date | |
| /s/ Catherine L. Newell | |
| Signature | |
| Vice President and Secretary | |
| Title | |