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Form 8-K  
October 16, 2002

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) October 16, 2002  
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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  
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(Commission File Number)

36-2723087  
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(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 October 16, 2002 press release, reporting on the registrant's earnings for the third quarter of 2002, 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 October 16, 2002 Press Release

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SIGNATURE

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.

NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION

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(Registrant)

Dated: October 16, 2002

By: /s/Perry R. Pero

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Perry R. Pero  
Vice Chairman  
and Chief Financial Officer

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