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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

November 15, 2002 _____ Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) First BancTrust Corporation (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) Delaware 000-32535 37-1406661 ______ (State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer of incorporation) Identification No.) 206 South Central Avenue, Paris, Illinois 61944 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) (217) 465-6381 _____ (Registrant's telephone number, including area code) Not Applicable _____ (Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Item 5. Other Events

The Company's press release, dated November 19, 2002, announcing the resignation of one of its directors on November 15, 2002, is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1. This press release is incorporated in this Item 5 by reference to Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

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- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibits
 See Exhibit Index

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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 BANCTRUST CORPORATION

Date: November 19, 2002 By:/s/ Terry J. Howard

Terry J. Howard

President and Chief Executive Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated November 19, 2002