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Form 8-K  
April 16, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 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  
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NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware ----- (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	0-5965 ----- (Commission File Number)	36-2723087 ----- (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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50 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois ----- (Address of principal executive offices)	60675 ----- (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (312) 630-6000  
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ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REQUIRED FD DISCLOSURE.  
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Northern Trust Corporation, in a news release dated April 16, 2003, announced the declaration of a quarterly cash dividend on shares of its common stock in the amount of 17 cents per share, payable July 1, 2003, to holders of record at the close of business on June 10, 2003.

The news release also reported that the Corporation's Board of Directors increased the Corporation's common stock buy-back

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authorization by approximately 11.5 million shares, thus allowing the purchase in the future of up to an aggregate of 12.0 million shares of the Corporation's common stock. The Corporation expects to use this additional buy-back authorization to purchase shares from time to time in open market transactions. The repurchased shares would be held as treasury shares and used for general corporate purposes, including for the Corporation's stock option and other stock incentive programs.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.  
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(c) Exhibits

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99	Northern Trust Corporation News Release dated April 16, 2003.
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SIGNATURES  
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

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NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION  
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(Registrant)

Date: April 16, 2003

By: /s/ Perry R. Pero  
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Name: Perry R. Pero  
Title: Vice Chairman and Chief  
Financial Officer

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