SCHAEFER GEORGE A JR

Form 4

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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SCHAEFER GEORGE A JR			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIFTH THIRD BANCORP [FITB]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
38 FOUNTAIN SQUARE PLAZA		PLAZA	(Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2005	X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) President & CEO		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)		
CINCINNATI, OH 45263				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-De	rivative S	ecuri	ties Acc	quired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) o of (D))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/15/2005		J(1)(3)	2,732	D	<u>(1)</u>	62,179	I	by Trusts
Common Stock	03/15/2005		J(1)(3)	2,732	A	<u>(1)</u>	679,241.6918	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2005		J(1)(4)	2,732	D	<u>(1)</u>	62,179	I	by Trusts
Common Stock	03/15/2005		J(1)(4)	2,732	A	<u>(1)</u>	39,243	I	by Spouse
Common Stock	03/16/2005		J(2)(3)	420	D	<u>(2)</u>	61,759	I	by Trusts
	03/16/2005		J(2)(4)	420	D	<u>(2)</u>	61,759	I	

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Common Stock			by Trusts
Common Stock	1,382.6524	I	by 401(K)
Common Stock	240,000	I	by FLP (5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,		ate	7. Title Amou Under Securi (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				4, and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of		
			Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Frame, Practices	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SCHAEFER GEORGE A JR 38 FOUNTAIN SQUARE PLAZA CINCINNATI, OH 45263	X		President & CEO				

Signatures

Paul L. Reynolds, Attorney-in-Fact for George A. Schaefer, Jr. 03/17/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- The reporting person and his spouse have each established a series of Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts (GRATs) in connection with their (1) tax and estate planning. On March 15, 2005 those GRATs transferred shares back to the reporting person and his spouse in an annuity payment.
- On March 16, 2005 one GRAT of of which the Reporting person is a beneficiary and one GRAT of of which the Reporting person's spouse is a beneficiary each transferred its remaining shares to the holders of the GRAT's remainder interests on such GRAT's expiration.
- (3) Transfer from various GRATs of which the Reporting person is a beneficiary.
- (4) Transfer from various GRATs of which the Reporting person's spouse is a beneficiary.
- (5) A family limited partnership of which the reporting person and his spouse are the only partners.

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