FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] gehlmann gregory a	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*]

gehlmann gregory a

(Last)	(First)	(Middle)

300 HIGH STREET

(Street)

HAMILTON, OH 45013

(City)	(State)	(Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

04/24/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

04/25/2006

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify below) below)

SVP/Corporate General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	04/24/2006		A		2,800 (1)	A	$ 0	5,100	I	Restricted

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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pri Deriv Secu (Instr
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
2005 (ISO) Stock Option	$ 18.63							06/21/2006	06/21/2016	Common Stock	5,367	
2005 (NQ) Sock Option	$ 18.63							06/21/2006	06/21/2016	Common Stock	6,033	
2006 (ISO) Stock Option	$ 16.02							04/24/2007	04/24/2016	Common Stock	6,242	
2006 (NQ) Stock Option	$ 16.02							04/24/2007	04/24/2016	Common Stock	10,258	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
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300 HIGH STREET
HAMILTON, OH 45013			SVP/Corporate General Counsel	

Signatures

terri j ziepfel	05/02/2006
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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).

(1) Correction of 04/24/06 Award

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