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Form SC 13D/A
June 06, 2002

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

Schedule 13D
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 23)*

First Financial Fund, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock
(Title of Class of Securities)

320228109
(CUSIP Number)

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June 4, 2002

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)

Ernest Horejsi Trust No. 1B

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2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
(A)
(B)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) WC OO

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to
Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization South Dakota

| | | | |
|---------------|-----|--------------------------|-----------|
| Number of | 7. | Sole Voting Power | 1,795,100 |
| Shares Bene- | 8. | Shared Voting Power | |
| ficially | 9. | Sole Dispositive Power | 1,795,100 |
| Owned by Each | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power | |
| Reporting | | | |
| Person With | | | |

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
1,795,100

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares
(See Instructions)

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 7.60%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) OO

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)

Lola Brown Trust No. 1B

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
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5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization South Dakota

| | | |
|---|------------------------------|-----------|
| Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With | 7. Sole Voting Power | 2,568,200 |
| | 8. Shared Voting Power | |
| | 9. Sole Dispositive Power | 2,568,200 |
| | 10. Shared Dispositive Power | |

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
2,568,200

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 10.87%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) 00

CUSIP No. 320228 10 9

1. Names of Reporting Persons.
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)

Mildred B. Horejsi Trust

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
(A)
(B)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) WC 00

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization New York

| | | |
|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| Number of | 7. Sole Voting Power | 1,922,400 |
|-----------|----------------------|-----------|

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|---|-----|--------------------------|-----------|
| Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With | 8. | Shared Voting Power | |
| | 9. | Sole Dispositive Power | 1,922,400 |
| | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power | |

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
1,922,400

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares
(See Instructions)

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 8.14%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) 00

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)

Stewart R. Horejsi Trust No. 2

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
(A)
(B)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) WC 00

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to
Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization South Dakota

| | | | |
|--|-----|--------------------------|-----------|
| Number of Shares, Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With | 7. | Sole Voting Power | 1,697,900 |
| | 8. | Shared Voting Power | |
| | 9. | Sole Dispositive Power | 1,697,900 |
| | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power | |

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
1,697,900

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12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares
(See Instructions)

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 7.19%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) 00

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)

Susan L. Ciciora Trust

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
(A)
(B)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) WC 00

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to
Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization South Dakota

| | | | |
|---------------|-----|--------------------------|-----------|
| Number of | 7. | Sole Voting Power | 1,359,800 |
| Shares Bene- | 8. | Shared Voting Power | |
| ficially | 9. | Sole Dispositive Power | 1,359,800 |
| Owned by Each | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power | |
| Reporting | | | |
| Person With | | | |

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
1,359,800

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares
(See Instructions)

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 5.76%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) 00

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.
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John S. Horejsi Trust

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
(A)
(B)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) WC 00

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to
Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization South Dakota

| | | | |
|---------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| Number of | 7. | Sole Voting Power | 100 |
| Shares Bene- | 8. | Shared Voting Power | |
| ficially | 9. | Sole Dispositive Power | 100 |
| Owned by Each | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power | |
| Reporting | | | |
| Person With | | | |

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
100

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares
(See Instructions)

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 0.0004%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) 00

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.
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Badlands Trust Company

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(A)
(B)

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4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) WC OO

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to
Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization South Dakota

| | | | |
|---------------|-----|--------------------------|-----------|
| Number of | 7. | Sole Voting Power | |
| Shares Bene- | 8. | Shared Voting Power | 1,359,900 |
| ficially | 9. | Sole Dispositive Power | |
| Owned by Each | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power | 1,359,900 |
| Reporting | | | |
| Person With | | | |

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
1,359,900

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares
(See Instructions)

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 5.76%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) OO

CUSIP No. 320228 10 9

1. Names of Reporting Persons.
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)

Stewart R. Horejsi

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
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4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) Not applicable

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to
Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization United States

| | | | |
|---------------|-----|--------------------------|---|
| Number of | 7. | Sole Voting Power | 0 |
| Shares Bene- | 8. | Shared Voting Power | 0 |
| ficially | 9. | Sole Dispositive Power | 0 |
| Owned by Each | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power | 0 |
| Reporting | | | |
| Person With | | | |

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 0

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares
(See Instructions) X

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 0%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IN

Amendment No. 23 to Statement on Schedule 13D

This amended statement on Schedule 13D relates to the Common Stock, \$.001 par value per share (the "Shares"), of First Financial Fund, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"). Items 3, 4 and 5 of this statement, previously filed by the Ernest Horejsi Trust No. 1B (the "Trust"), the Lola Brown Trust No. 1B (the "Brown Trust"), the Mildred B. Horejsi Trust (the "Mildred Trust"), the Stewart R. Horejsi Trust No. 2 (the "Stewart Trust"), the John S. Horejsi Trust (the "John Trust"), and the Susan L. Ciciora Trust (the "Susan Trust") as the direct beneficial owner of Shares, and Stewart R. Horejsi, by virtue of the relationships described previously in this statement, are hereby amended as set forth below.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

No change except for the addition of the following:

The total amount of funds required by the Brown Trust to purchase the Shares as reported in Item 5(c) was \$217,163.95. Such funds were provided by the Brown Trust's cash on hand and from margin borrowings under accounts maintained by the Brown Trust with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

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No change except for the addition of the following:

The Brown Trust acquired the Shares described in Item 5(c) of this statement in order to increase its equity interest in the Company. Depending upon its evaluation of the Company's investments and prospects, and upon future developments (including, but not limited to, performance of the Shares in the market, the effective yield on the Shares, availability of funds, alternative uses of funds, and money, stock market and general economic conditions), any of the Reporting Persons or other entities that may be deemed to be affiliated with the Reporting Persons may from time to time purchase Shares, and any of the Reporting Persons or other entities that may be deemed to be affiliated with the Reporting Persons may from time to time dispose of all or a portion of the Shares held by such person, or cease buying or selling Shares. Any such additional purchases or sales of the Shares may be in open market or privately-negotiated transactions or otherwise.

On March 26, 2002, the Brown Trust sent a letter to the Company indicating its intentions to nominate Dr. Dean Jacobson and Mr. Joel Looney for election to the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") at the Company's 2002 annual meeting of shareholders, unless the Company's nominating committee nominated Dr. Jacobson and Mr. Looney. At the Company's request, Dr. Jacobson and Mr. Looney made themselves available for interview by the nominating committee at its May 2002 meeting. On May 21, 2002, the Company advised the Brown Trust that the Company's nominating committee, consisting of three directors, Messrs. Dorsey, La Blanc and Whitehead, had recommended that the Company's Board nominate two of its members, Messrs. Dorsey and LaBlanc, for election. As a result, the Reporting Persons formed First Financial Shareholders for Tomorrow, which intends to solicit proxies for the election of Dr. Jacobson and Mr. Looney in order to provide the Company's shareholders with a choice of nominees for election to the Company's Board.

On June 4, 2002, the Brown Trust filed a preliminary proxy statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission, indicating that First Financial Shareholders for Tomorrow will seek shareholder support to elect the Brown Trust's nominees to the Company's Board at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Company, which the Company has scheduled for August 12, 2002.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

No change except for the addition of the following:

(a) The Trust is the direct beneficial owner of 1,795,100 Shares, or approximately 7.60% of the 23,622,382 Shares outstanding as of May 22, 2002, according to information contained in the Company's 2002 Proxy Statement (the "Outstanding Shares"). The Brown Trust is the direct beneficial owner of 2,568,200 Shares, or approximately 10.87% of the Outstanding Shares. The Mildred Trust is the direct beneficial owner of 1,922,400 Shares, or approximately 8.14% of the Outstanding Shares. The Stewart Trust is the direct beneficial owner of 1,697,900 Shares, or approximately 7.19% of the Outstanding Shares. The Susan Trust is the direct beneficial owner of 1,359,800 Shares, or approximately 5.76% of the Outstanding Shares. The John Trust is the direct beneficial owner of 100 Shares, or approximately 0.0004% of the Outstanding Shares.

By virtue of the relationships reported in this statement, Mr. Horejsi may be deemed to share indirect beneficial ownership of the Shares directly beneficially owned by the Trust, the Brown Trust, the Mildred Trust, the Stewart Trust, the Susan Trust, and the John Trust. Mr. Horejsi disclaims all such beneficial ownership.

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(c) The Reporting Persons have made no purchases of Shares within the last 60 days. The table below sets forth purchases of the Shares by the Brown Trust since April 19, 2001. Such purchases were effected by the Brown Trust on the New York Stock Exchange.

| Date | Amount of Shares | Approximate Price Per Share (exclusive of commissions) |
|------------|------------------|--|
| 05/14/2001 | 5,000 | \$11.98 |
| 05/14/2001 | 5,000 | \$11.95 |
| 05/14/2001 | 1,600 | \$11.95 |
| 05/14/2001 | 1,300 | \$11.99 |
| 05/14/2001 | 1,300 | \$11.99 |
| 05/21/2001 | 3,800 | \$12.40 |

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: June 6, 2002

/s/ Stewart R. Horejsi
Stewart R. Horejsi

/s/ Stephen C. Miller
Stephen C. Miller, as Vice President
of Badlands Trust Company, trustee of
the Ernest Horejsi Trust No. 1B, the
Lola Brown Trust No. 1B, the Mildred
B. Horejsi Trust, the Stewart R.
Horejsi Trust No. 2, the Susan L.
Ciciora Trust, and the John S.
Horejsi Trust.