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February 03, 2005

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

February 1, 2005

Date of Report
(Date of Earliest Event Reported)

Synovus Financial Corp.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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| Georgia | 1-10312 | 58-1134883 |
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| (State of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

1111 Bay Avenue, Suite 500, Columbus, Georgia 31901

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(706) 649-2267

(Registrant's telephone number,
including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Effective February 1, 2005, Synovus Financial Corp. ("Synovus") made restricted stock award grants of 500 restricted shares to each of its non-employee directors pursuant to Synovus' 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan ("Plan"), which shares will vest after three years. The restricted stock awards were evidenced by a Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Award Agreement in the form filed as Exhibit 10.1 hereto and incorporated by reference herein, which agreement is the form of Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Award Agreement to be used by Synovus in connection with restricted stock award grants to directors under the Plan.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

10.1 Form of Non-Employee Director Restricted
 Stock Award Agreement for use in
 connection with the Synovus 2002
 Long-Term Incentive Plan

Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, Registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP.
("Registrant")

Dated: February 3, 2005

By: /s/ Kathleen Moates

Senior Deputy General Counsel
Kathleen Moates