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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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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

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SCHUETTE REX S

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC [UCBI]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(City)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner

(Month/Day/Year)

04/26/2006

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

313 JULIUS CHAMBERS DRIVE

(Zip)

EVP & CFO 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30512

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Common 04/26/2006 Stock

3,000 A A \$0 (1)

52,225.7498 D

Common Stock

Ι 6,495.183

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securitie
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Numbe of Shar
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 28.85	04/26/2006		A	17,500	04/26/2007(2)	04/26/2016	Common Stock	17,50

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SCHUETTE REX S 313 JULIUS CHAMBERS DRIVE BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30512

EVP & CFO

Signatures

Lois J. Rich by Power of 04/28/2006

**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) 2006 Restricted Stock Units vest over four consecutive years at 25% on the anniversary date of May 31, beginning in the Year 2007.
- (2) 2006 Stock Option Grants vest over four consecutive years at 25% on each anniversary date.

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