

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC  
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**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**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 \*  
 SCHUETTE REX S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC [UCBI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 313 JULIUS CHAMBERS DRIVE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/28/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP & CFO

BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30512

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | V   | 51,925.7498<br>(1)  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | V   | 5,923.062   | I  | By 401k                           |

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. Price or Value of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |       |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|----------------------------|-------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |       |
| Phantom Stock Unit <sup>(2)</sup>          | <u>(3)</u>   | 12/28/2005                           |  | A                              | 2,188   | <u>(3)</u>   | <u>(3)</u>  | Common Stock  | 2,188                      | \$ 27 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships |           |           |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer   | Other |
| SCHUETTE REX S<br>313 JULIUS CHAMBERS DRIVE<br>BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30512 |               |           | EVP & CFO |       |

## Signatures

Lois J. Rich by Power of Attorney  
 12/29/2005  
 \*\*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) Includes 13.7498 shares purchased pursuant to the company's dividend reinvestment plan since last filing.
- (2) Acquired pursuant to The United Community Banks Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (3) The units are to be settled in United Community Banks common stock on a 1-for-1 basis after termination of employment.

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