FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC | | | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | | |
| FREEMAN GUY W | | | | | | UCBI] | | | | | | | | | | X Directo | r | | 10% Ow | /ner | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | | | | | | Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | | X Officer below) | (give title | | Other (s below) | pecify | |
| , | | | | | | | 06/03/2003 | | | | | | | | | Executive Vice President | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | | |
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| (City) | (Si | ate) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - Nor | -Deriv | /ative | e Se | curities | s Ac | quir | red, D | isp | osed o | f, or I | Ben | eficial | ly Owned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans Date (Month/ | | | | | ear) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | c | ransacti Code (Ins | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5) | | | | Beneficia Owned F | s ally ollowing | Form | : Direct I r Indirect I str. 4) | 7. Nature of ndirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | c | Code V | | | | Amount | Amount (A) or (D) | | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | Instr. 4) | | | | | |
| Common Stock 06/03 | | | | | 3/200 | 3 | | | | A | | 0 | | A | 0 | 31,849.7193 | | | D | | |
| Common Stock 06/ | | | | 06/03 | 03/2003 | | | | | P | | 0 | | A | 0 | 1,380 | | | I I | Elizabeth C. Freeman (Spouse) | |
| | 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 E if any (Month/Day | Date, | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | | | 6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea | | | r) Amour Securi Underl Deriva | | Title and mount of curifies nderlying privative Security str. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4) | e s lly | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership tt (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exer | e rcisable | | xpiration ate | Title | | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | | |
| Option to Purchase Common Stock | 24.58 | 05/30/2003 ⁽¹⁾ | | | A | v | 20,000 | | 04/1 | 17/2003 | 04 | 4/17/2013 | Comm | | 0 | \$0 | 111,00 | 00 | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Allocated on 5/30/03, pursuant to options granted by the Board of Directors on April 17, 2003.

Guy W. Freeman

06/03/2003

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

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