FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

| STATEMENT | OF | CHANGES | IN REN | JEFICIAL | OWNERSHIP |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* HEAD ROBERT L JR (Last) (First) (Middle) P.O. BOX 147 | | | | 3. D 12/ | Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC [UCBI] Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2004 | | | | | | | | (Che | ck all ap Dire Offic belo | plicable) ctor er (give title w) | g Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below) | | |
|---|--|--------------|---------------------------------|-------------|--|---|--|-----------------|-------|---|--------|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------|
| (Street) BLAIRS' (City) | | GA State) | 30514) (Zip) | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable) X 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date | | | 2. Transac Date (Month/Da | Exe | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a | | | | | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Pric | ce | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (111341. 4) |
| Common Stock | | | | 12/15/2004 | | | | | S | | 7,000 | D | \$2 | 8.003 | 039 1,924,467 | | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 51 | 9,997(1) | I | Carol Head (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) | erivative Conversion Date Execution Date, or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | on Date, Transact | | | | 6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year | | ite | Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. : and 4) | | C. 3 | Price of rivative curity str. 5) | tive derivative ty Securities | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) (D) | | Date Exercis | sable | Expiration Date | Title | Amou or Numb of Share | er | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Includes 59,997 shares owned by Mr. Head's spouse for which he claims beneficial ownership.

Remarks:

Robert L. Head, Jr.

12/17/2004

** 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).
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