

GILLILAND THOMAS C  
 Form 5  
 February 13, 2003

**FORM 5**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, D.C. 20549

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>GILLILAND, THOMAS C.</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. "UCBI"</b>			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director — <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) — Other (specify below) <b>EXEC VICE PRES. SECRETARY, &amp; GENERAL COUNSEL</b>		
(Last) (First) (Middle) <b>PO BOX 398</b>			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Year <b>12/31/02</b>		
(Street) <b>BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30514</b>			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)			7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

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 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Issuer's Fiscal year (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
						Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
COMMON STOCK									14,264.4013 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
COMMON STOCK									6,270	I	CUST FBO JASON W. GILLILAND (SON)
COMMON STOCK									6,270	I	CUST FBO THOMAS C. GILLILAND, JR. (SON)

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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**FORM 5 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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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 (A) or (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)	(D)	Date Exer-cisable	Expira-tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
<b>Option to Purchase Common Stock</b>	<b>19.50</b>	<b>03/11/02</b>		<b>A</b>	<b>16,000</b>		<b>03/11/02</b>	<b>03/11/12</b>	<b>Common Stock</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>16,000<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>D</b>	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Does not include 282,584 shares owned by Mr. Gilliland's spouse for which he disclaims beneficial ownership. Reflects a fractional share adjustment of (.2171) pursuant to notification by 401k account custodian of a 2002 dividend reinvestment reporting error by them to the company.

(2) 2002 Options are 20% vested initially, and vest an additional 20% each year effective March 11.

By: /s/ **Thomas C. Gilliland**

**02/13/03**

Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

\*\*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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