

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

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):
July 9, 2007

United Community Banks, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

No. 0-21656
(Commission File Number)

No. 58-180-7304
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

63 Highway 515, P.O. Box 398
Blairsville, Georgia 30512
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:
(706) 781-2265

Not applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240-13e-4(c))
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ITEM 5.02. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

On July 9, 2007, the Board of Directors of United Community Banks, Inc. (the "Company") appointed John D. Stephens to serve as a director of the Company. To accommodate the election of Mr. Stephens, the Board of Directors (the "Board") also adopted a resolution to increase the authorized number of directors on the Board. Section 3.2 of Article III of the Bylaws of the Company provides that the authorized number of directors of the Company shall be within a range of eight to fourteen directors, subject to determination by resolution of the Board or by the stockholders of the Company at the annual meeting. The exact number of directors of the Company was increased from eleven to twelve effective as of July 9, 2007.

Mr. Stephens has not yet been named to any committee of the Board.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated July 9, 2007

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

/s/ Rex S. Schuette
Rex S. Schuette
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

July 9, 2007

**For Immediate Release**

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United Community Banks, Inc. Elects John D. Stephens To Board of Directors

Blairsville, GA - July 11, 2007 - United Community Banks, Inc. (Nasdaq: UCBI) today elected John D. Stephens to its holding company board of directors. Mr. Stephens is a lifelong resident of Gwinnett County and is the founder of John D. Stephens, Inc. and Stephens MDS, LP. He has been associated with the banking industry since 1986. He served as Chairman of the Board of First Bank of the South, which has joined United Community Banks.

“Our board has been invaluable in maintaining and improving the high performance of our company and its individual community banks,” said Jimmy Tallent, United Community Banks’ president and chief executive officer. “We are proud to add a person of John Stephens’ caliber to the United board. He certainly will continue the tradition of strong leadership and direction that our board has provided over the years.”

Commenting on his election to the board, Mr. Stephens expressed his excitement at being affiliated with United Community Banks at the board level. “United Community Banks is very unique in the banking industry,” he said. “It does not operate like one \$8 billion dollar company, but 27 individual banks that focus on delivering financial products and services in a community banking environment, yet still have the resources of a much larger bank. Their board has been, and continues to be, very strong and committed to this mission. I look forward to working with them to build upon United’s success and growth.”

To accommodate the election of Mr. Stephens, United's Board of Directors has adopted a resolution to increase the authorized number of directors from 11 to 12. The company's bylaws allow for an authorized number of the directors to range between eight and fourteen.

About United Community Banks, Inc.

Headquartered in Blairsville, United Community Banks is the third-largest bank holding company in Georgia. United Community Banks has assets of \$8 billion and operates 27 community banks with 109 banking offices located throughout north Georgia, metro Atlanta, coastal Georgia, western North Carolina and east Tennessee. The company specializes in providing personalized community banking services to individuals and small to mid-size businesses. United Community Banks also offers the convenience of 24-hour access through a network of ATMs, telephone and on-line banking. United Community Banks common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol UCBI. Additional information may be found at the company's web site at www.ucbi.com.

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