

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):
May 1, 2008

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. DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS.

On April 30, 2008, the Board of Directors of United Community Banks, Inc. (the "Company") appointed Cathy Cox, the former Secretary of State of Georgia and the current president of Young Harris College, to serve as a director of the Company. Ms. Cox was appointed to the Board of Directors to fill a vacancy left when Thomas C. Gilliland and Clarence W. Mason, Sr. retired. Mr. Gilliland and Mr. Mason each retired effective April 30, 2008 at the end of their terms.

The Board of Directors also adopted a resolution to decrease 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 shareholders of the Company at the annual meeting. The exact number of directors of the Company was decreased from twelve to eleven effective as of April 30, 2008.

Ms. Cox has not yet been named to any committee of the Board.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated May 1, 2008

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

May 1, 2008

**For Immediate Release**

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BLAIRSVILLE, GA. - May 1, 2008 – The Board of Directors of United Community Banks, Inc. appointed Cathy Cox, the former Secretary of the State of Georgia and the current President of Young Harris College, to serve as a director of the company.

Cox has been President of Young Harris College since 2007. Prior to becoming Young Harris College President, Cox served as the Secretary of State of Georgia from 1999 – 2007. She also has served in the Georgia House of Representatives and was the state's Assistant Secretary of State. During 2007, Cox also served as the Carl E. Sanders Political Leadership Chair at the University of Georgia School of Law.

As an attorney, Cox was a partner in the firm of Lambert, Floyd & Conger from 1988 – 1996 and was an associate at the firm of Hansell & Post from 1986 – 1988. She also worked as a journalist in the early 1980s.

Cox holds an honorary Doctor of Laws and a Juris Doctorate from Mercer University, Walter F. George School of Law. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of Georgia, Grady College of Journalism.

“We are quite honored to have such an esteemed and accomplished individual as Cathy Cox as a member of United’s Board of Directors,” stated Board Chairman Robert Head, Jr. “Cathy brings a breadth of legal experience, business acumen and community involvement to this Board and we are confident that she will make an immediate, positive impact.”

Founded in 1886, Young Harris College is a private United Methodist-affiliated liberal arts college located in Young Harris, Georgia.

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 \$8.4 billion and operates 27 community banks with 109 banking offices located throughout north Georgia, the Atlanta region, 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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