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## @ your service.

*For over 168 years, United Bank has believed that the best service comes with a name, a face, and a smile. And that's not about to change.*

*In reviewing its own brand and messaging, United asked itself what attribute differentiates it from all the other banks. We asked customers and employees alike and the most common answer returned was service. It's the brand message that United supports and delivers on, every day.*

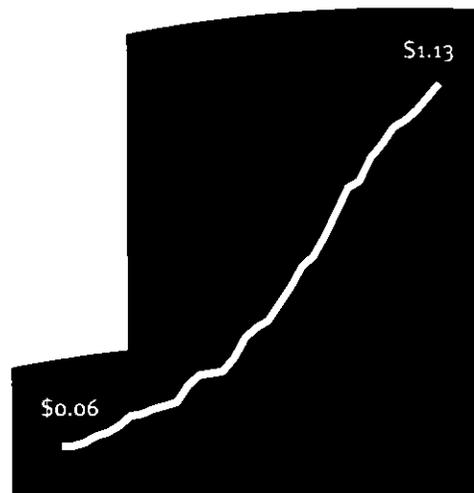
*You'll see this theme carried out in every aspect of our business...from speaking with our associates, to our advertising, to how we conduct business. United Bank is always @ your service.*

# 2007

## To Our Shareholders:

United continues to be one of the most profitable regional banking companies in the nation with a core return on average assets of 1.4%. Our Metro-DC/Virginia franchise is one of the few remaining trophy franchises in one of the best markets in the country. In 2007, United increased the dividend to shareholders for the 34<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. This is a record few companies in any business have been able to achieve, and clearly demonstrates United's ability to perform in even the most challenging of times.

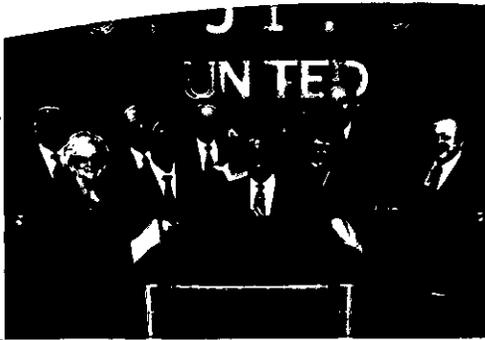
United Bankshares, Inc.  
Dividends Per Share 1974-2007



UNITED BANKSHARES HAS INCREASED DIVIDENDS TO SHAREHOLDERS FOR 34 CONSECUTIVE YEARS, FROM \$0.06 PER SHARE IN 1974 TO \$1.13 PER SHARE IN 2007.



ON A CORE EARNINGS BASIS, UNITED CONTINUES  
TO BE ONE OF THE MOST PROFITABLE REGIONAL  
BANKING COMPANIES IN THE NATION.

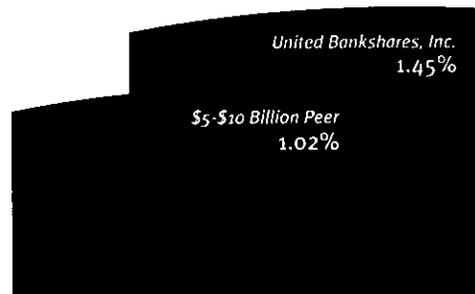


In 2007, we celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of becoming a NASDAQ listed company. During

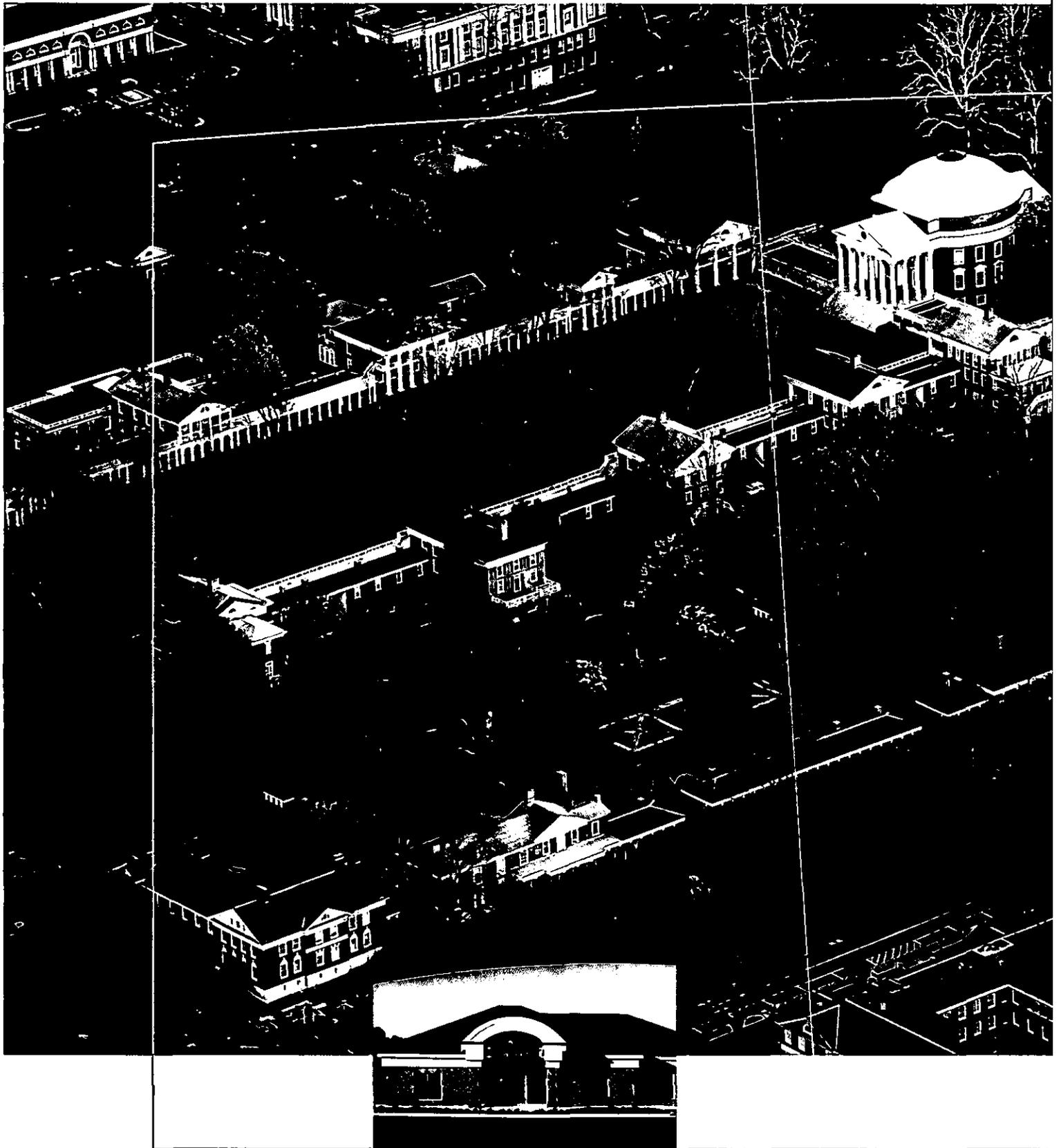
all these years, our stock has never been under such downward pressure as we have experienced this past year. From December 31, 2006 to December 31, 2007, United decreased from \$38.65 to \$28.02 or 28%. However, we were not alone, as bank stocks have clearly been out of favor with most institutional investors. The S&P Bank Index was also down 33% for the same period.

Negative news headlines for the industry seemed to be a regular occurrence throughout the year. Industry-wide, earnings were generally flat to down on a core basis. In light of market conditions, United restructured its balance sheet which reduced 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and 2007 reported earnings. Reported earnings per share increased from \$2.13 to \$2.15 which represented a return on average assets of 1.28% and a return on tangible equity of 19.88%. Netting out distortions, core earnings were basically flat. However, on a core earnings basis, United continues to be one of the most profitable regional banking companies in the nation. Compared to other regional banking companies with \$5-10 billion in assets, United's return on average assets through the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 1.45% compared very favorably to peer profitability.

Return on Average Assets



UBSI'S RETURN ON AVERAGE ASSETS COMPARES FAVORABLY TO THAT OF ITS PEER INSTITUTIONS. THROUGH THE THIRD QUARTER 2007, UNITED BANKSHARES' RETURN ON AVERAGE ASSETS WAS 1.45%, COMPARED TO 1.02% PEER ROA.

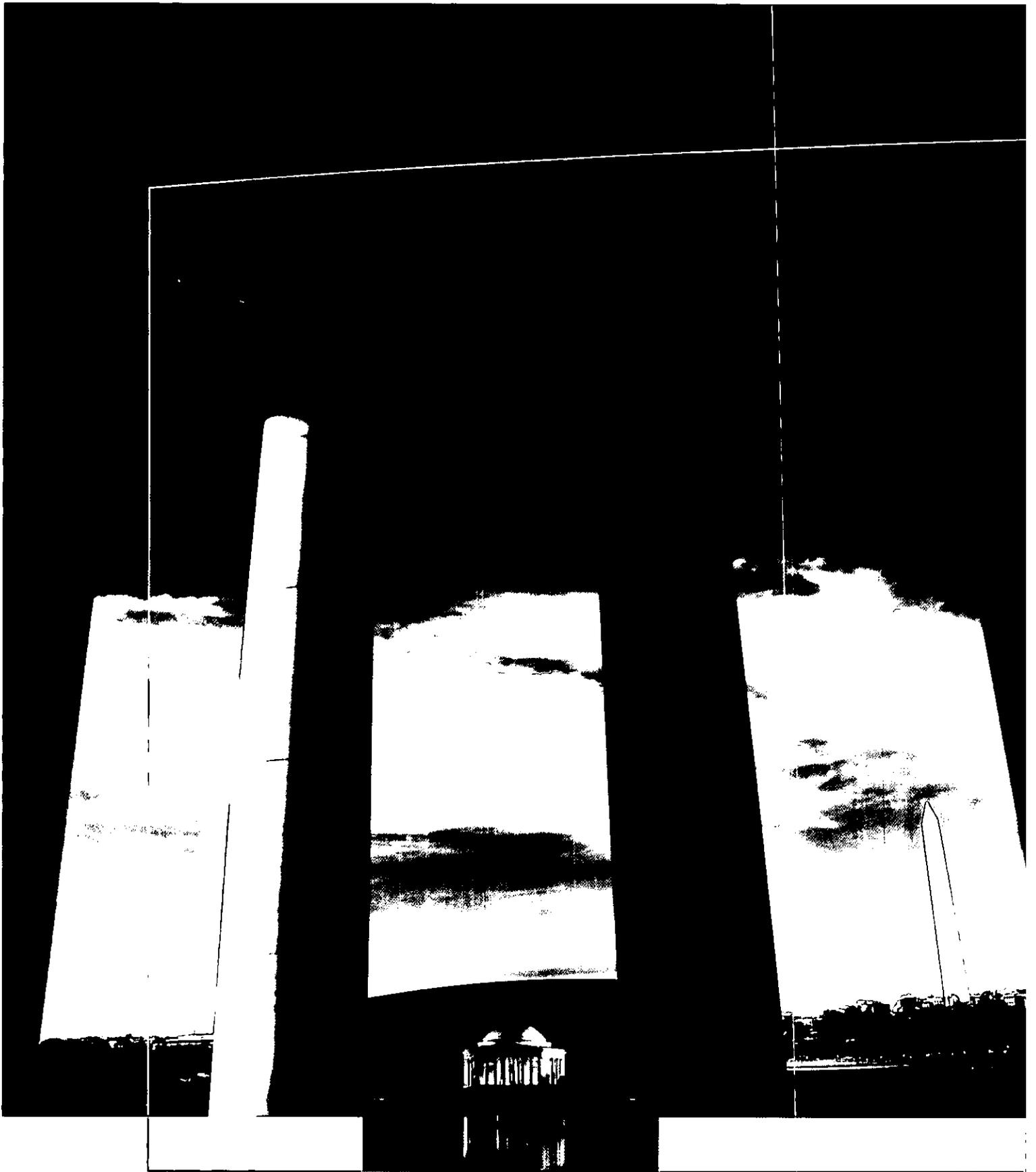


WITH THE ACQUISITION OF PREMIER COMMUNITY BANKSHARES, UNITED EXPANDED INTO NEW VIRGINIA MARKETS, INCLUDING CHARLOTTESVILLE, HOME OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

One of the most significant events of 2007 was the acquisition of Premier Community Bankshares with assets of \$900 million. This acquisition affords United the opportunity to further expand market share in the Metro-DC area, and enter new Virginia markets of Winchester, Harrisonburg, Charlottesville and Staunton-Waynesboro MSAs. We were able to purchase this very valuable franchise and not dilute core earnings per share. More than half of United's revenues and deposits are now coming from the high growth, high per capita income markets in Virginia and Washington, DC. Next to Chevy Chase, United is the largest independent franchise in one of the best markets in the country.



UNITED HAS GROWN TO A NETWORK OF 114 FULL-SERVICE OFFICES IN VIRGINIA, MARYLAND, WASHINGTON, DC, WEST VIRGINIA AND OHIO.



UNITED'S METRO-DC FRANCHISE IS NOW THE  
SECOND LARGEST INDEPENDENT BANKING  
FRANCHISE IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL MSA.

Sandler O'Neill & Partners, L.P., New York, NY stated, "With the tremendous consolidation that has taken place in Virginia and the continued attractiveness of the Northern Virginia footprint, UBSI stands out as one of the few remaining trophy franchises for larger financial institutions interested in expanding and/or entering this market."

Our West Virginia franchise has also become much more valuable because of our strong market share position among out-of-state competitors in West Virginia such as BB&T, Huntington, JP Morgan Chase, Fifth Third, SunTrust and M&T.

United continues to be defined as well capitalized based upon regulatory guidelines, and asset quality is ahead of peer group performance numbers. United's loan delinquency rate was

a low 1.97%. The allowance for credit losses to non-performing loans is 207%. In 2007, net of the Premier merger, commercial loans increased \$288 million or 10.4%. Wealth Management revenues also showed positive trends with revenues increasing 19% to \$15.4 million.



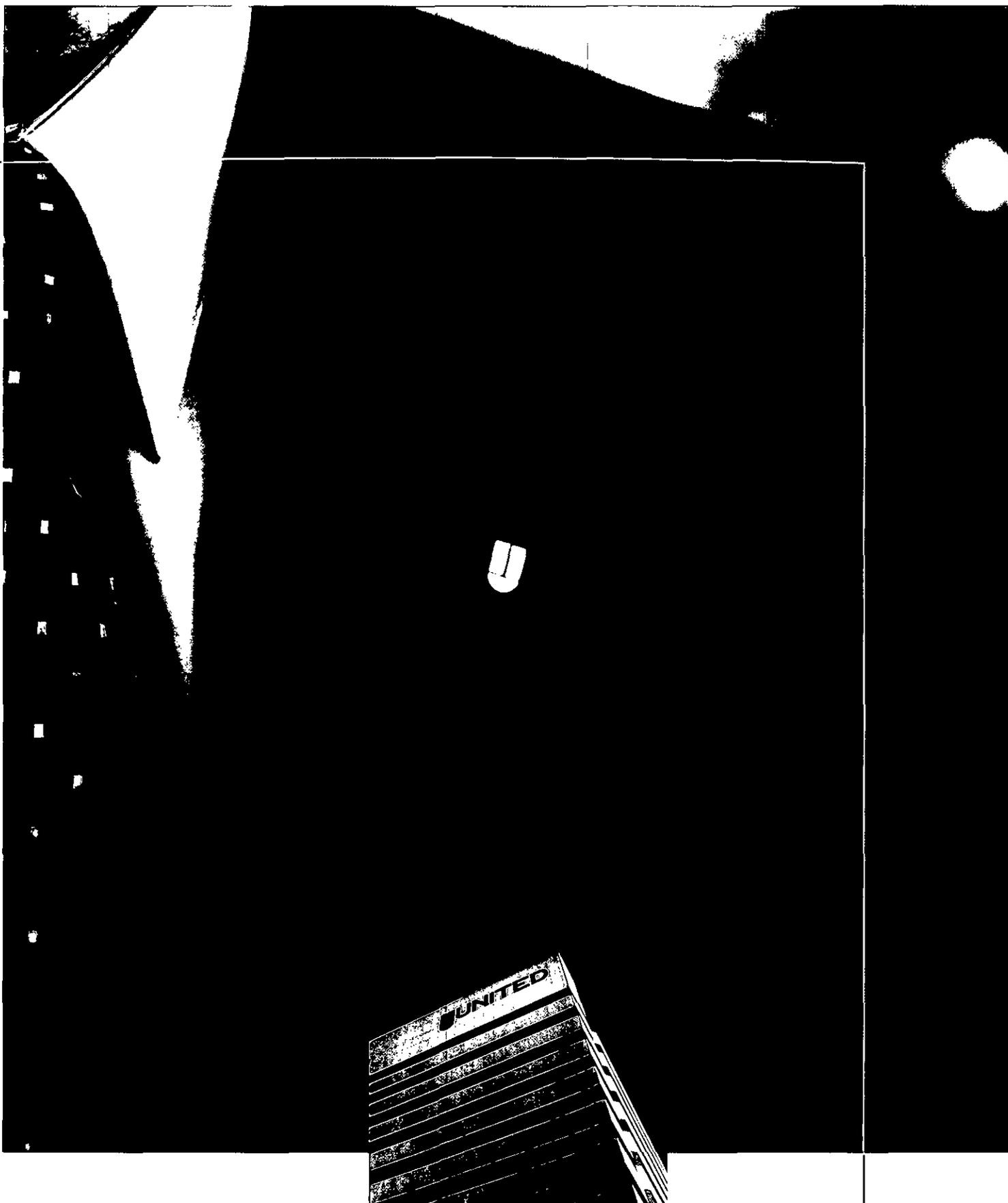
STRONG MARKET SHARE POSITION AMONG  
OUT-OF-STATE COMPETITORS HAS ENHANCED THE  
VALUE OF OUR FRANCHISE IN WEST VIRGINIA.



In the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2007 publication of *Bank Director*, United was ranked 28<sup>th</sup> of the top 150 largest banking companies in the nation for financial performance. This rating is based upon a composite index measuring profitability, capital adequacy and asset quality. United was ranked ahead of such well regarded banking companies as Wells Fargo, Bank of America, SunTrust and Wachovia.

As a company that has been blessed in many ways, United believes in giving back to the communities we serve. In 2007, we contributed nearly one million dollars to many organizations such as the United Way, Boys & Girls Club, and Kids Count. We paid over \$45 million in state, local and federal taxes. We are a company that is dedicated to serving.

We have come a long way since celebrating \$100 million in assets. Since 1982, we have closed 27 acquisitions adding over \$6 billion in assets. We are now the 53<sup>rd</sup> largest US banking company based upon market capitalization, and the 6<sup>th</sup> most efficient among the 55 largest in the USA. During the current administration, United's market capitalization has grown from \$6.8 million to \$1.2 billion.



A \$8.0 BILLION REGIONAL BANKING COMPANY  
WITH \$1.2 BILLION IN MARKET CAPITALIZATION,  
UNITED RANKS AS THE 53RD LARGEST BANKING  
COMPANY IN THE NATION.

History tells us that bank stocks will come back into favor with Wall Street. When the cycle changes, few banking companies should be better positioned to rebound than UBSI.

Security analysts are projecting record earnings for UBSI in 2008, and the dividend is anticipated to increase for the 35<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Working together, we can continue to build a great banking company—a company dedicated to excellence in serving our shareholders, our customers, our employees and our communities.

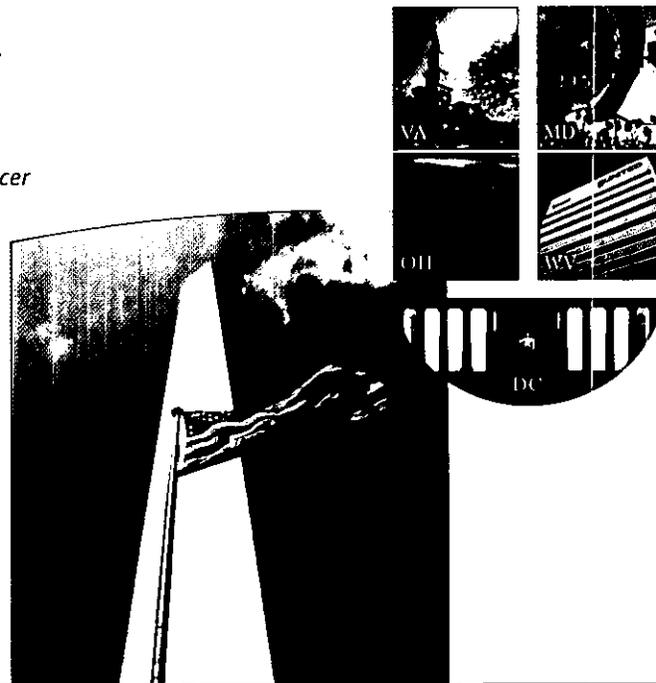
On behalf of the officers, employees and directors, let me thank you for your support. With your continued support, 2008 will be another successful year for our company.

Sincerely,



Richard M. Adams

*Chairman of the Board  
and Chief Executive Officer*



THE MISSION OF UNITED BANKSHARES IS  
EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS,  
OUR EMPLOYEES AND OUR COMMUNITIES.

## UNITED BANKSHARES, INC.

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Chief Financial Officer,  
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**James J. Consagra, Jr.**  
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**Joe L. Wilson**  
Executive Vice President

### DIRECTORS

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Managing Principal,  
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Consulting Engineer

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President, Bray & Oakley  
Insurance Agency

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Virginia Department of  
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Corporation

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Attorney-at-Law

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*Not pictured:* Theodore J. Georgelas, Donald L. Unger.



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*Not Pictured:* Dennis Cotter, Theodore J. Georgelas, Richard M. Patrick, Kevin J. Payne.

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*Not Pictured:* Michael G. Campbell, James C. Hamer, J. Thomas Moore, I. L. Morris.

## UNITED BANKSHARES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

### Shareholder Information

Analysts, investors, the press and others seeking financial information about United Bankshares, Inc. should contact Steven E. Wilson, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer, (304) 424-8704, at the Corporate Offices located at United Square, Fifth and Avery Streets, Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101.

Shareholders seeking general information regarding participation in the United Bankshares, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan or a copy of United Bankshares, Inc. Report to the Securities and Exchange Commission, Form 10-K, should contact Steven E. Wilson, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer, (304) 424-8704.

United Bankshares, Inc. common stock is listed on NASDAQ, National Association of Securities Dealers Quotation System, National Market System. The quotation symbol is "UBSI."

### Website Addresses

[www.ubsi-inc.com](http://www.ubsi-inc.com)

[www.bankwithunited.com](http://www.bankwithunited.com)

### Annual Meeting

The 2008 United Bankshares, Inc. Annual Shareholders' meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m., Monday, May 19, 2008, at The Blennerhassett Hotel, 320 Market Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

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# Financial Information to Shareholders

**FORM 10-K**  
**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the Fiscal Year Ended **December 31, 2007**

**OR**

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number: **0-13322**

**United Bankshares, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**West Virginia**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**55-0641179**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**300 United Center**

**500 Virginia Street, East**

**Charleston, West Virginia**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**25301**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(304) 424-8704**

Securities registered pursuant to section 12(b) of the Act:

**Common Stock, \$2.50 Par Value**

(Title of Class)

Securities registered pursuant to 12(g) of the Act: **None**

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in rule 405 of the Securities Act. **Yes [ X ] No [ ]**

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. **Yes [ ] No [ X ]**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports, and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. **Yes [ X ] No [ ]**

**UNITED BANKSHARES, INC.**  
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Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. [ ]

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act:

Large accelerated filer [ **X** ]

Accelerated filer [ ]

Non-accelerated filer [ ]  
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company [ ]

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes [ ] No [ **X** ]

The aggregate market value of United Bankshares, Inc. common stock, representing all of its voting stock that was held by non-affiliates on June 30, 2007, was approximately **\$1,093,779,280**.

As of January 31, 2008, United Bankshares, Inc. had **43,253,638** shares of common stock outstanding with a par value of **\$2.50**.

Documents Incorporated By Reference

Definitive Proxy Statement dated April 10, 2008 for the 2008 Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be held on May 19, 2008, portions of which are incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K.

**UNITED BANKSHARES, INC.**  
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As of the date of filing this Annual report, neither the annual shareholders' report for the year ended December 31, 2007, nor the proxy statement for the annual United shareholders' meeting has been mailed to shareholders.

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**UNITED BANKSHARES, INC.**  
**FORM 10-K, PART I**

**Item 1. BUSINESS**

Organizational History and Subsidiaries

United Bankshares, Inc. (United) is a West Virginia corporation registered as a bank holding company pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended. United was incorporated on March 26, 1982, organized on September 9, 1982, and began conducting business on May 1, 1984 with the acquisition of three wholly-owned subsidiaries. Since its formation in 1982, United has acquired twenty-seven banking institutions. At December 31, 2007, United has two banking subsidiaries (the Banking Subsidiaries) "doing business" under the name of United Bank, one operating under the laws of West Virginia referred to as United Bank (WV) and the other operating under the laws of Virginia referred to as United Bank (VA). United's Banking Subsidiaries offer a full range of commercial and retail banking services and products. United also owns nonbank subsidiaries which engage in other community banking services such as asset management, real property title insurance, investment banking, financial planning, and brokerage services.

Employees

As of December 31, 2007, United and its subsidiaries had approximately 1,537 full-time equivalent employees and officers. None of these employees are represented by a collective bargaining unit and management considers employee relations to be excellent.

Web Site Address

United's web site address is "www.ubsi-inc.com". United makes available free of charge on its web site the annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments thereto, as soon as reasonably practicable after United files such reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The reference to United's web site does not constitute incorporation by reference of the information contained in the web site and should not be considered part of this document. These reports are also available at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. The public may obtain information on the operation of the public reference room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains a website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC.

Business of United

As a bank holding company registered under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, United's present business is community banking. As of December 31, 2007, United's consolidated assets approximated \$8.0 billion and total shareholders' equity approximated \$761 million.

United is permitted to acquire other banks and bank holding companies, as well as thrift institutions. United is also permitted to engage in certain non-banking activities which are closely related to banking under the provisions of the Bank Holding Company Act and the Federal Reserve Board's Regulation Y. Management continues to consider such opportunities as they arise, and in this regard, management from time to time makes inquiries, proposals, or expressions of interest as to potential opportunities, although no agreements or understandings to acquire other banks or bank holding companies or nonbanking subsidiaries or to engage in other nonbanking activities, other than those identified herein, presently exist. See Note B - Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion of United's acquisition of Premier Community Bankshares, Inc. on July 14, 2007.

Business of Banking Subsidiaries

United, through its subsidiaries, engages primarily in community banking and additionally offers most types of business permitted by law and regulation. Included among the banking services offered are the acceptance of deposits in checking, savings, time and money market accounts; the making and servicing of personal, commercial, floor plan and student loans; and the making of construction and real estate loans. Also

offered are individual retirement accounts, safe deposit boxes, wire transfers and other standard banking products and services. As part of their lending function, the Banking Subsidiaries offer credit card services.

The Banking Subsidiaries each maintain a trust department which acts as trustee under wills, trusts and pension and profit sharing plans, as executor and administrator of estates, and as guardian for estates of minors and incompetents, and in addition performs a variety of investment and security services. Trust services are available to customers of affiliate banks. United Bank (WV) provides services to its correspondent banks such as check clearing, safekeeping and the buying and selling of federal funds.

United Brokerage Services, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of United Bank (WV), is a fully-disclosed broker/dealer and a registered Investment Advisor with the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., the Securities and Exchange Commission, and a member of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. United Brokerage Services, Inc. offers a wide range of investment products as well as comprehensive financial planning and asset management services to the general public.

United Bank (WV) is a member of a network of automated teller machines known as the STAR ATM network while United Bank (VA) participates in the MOST network. Through STAR and MOST, the Banking Subsidiaries are participants in a network known as Cirrus, which provides banking on a nationwide basis.

United through its Banking Subsidiaries offers an Internet banking service, Smart Touch Online Banking, which allows customers to perform various transactions using a computer from any location as long as they have access to the Internet and a secure browser. Specifically, customers can check personal account balances, receive information about transactions within their accounts, make transfers between accounts, stop payment on a check, and reorder checks. Customers may also pay bills online and can make payments to virtually any business or individual. Customers can set up recurring fixed payments, one-time future payments or a one-time immediate payment. Customers can also set up their own merchants, view and modify that merchant list, view pending transactions and view their bill payment history with approximately three (3) months of history.

United also offers an automated telephone banking system, Telebank, which allows customers to access their personal account(s) or business account(s) information from a touch-tone telephone.

### Lending Activities

United's loan portfolio, net of unearned income, increased \$986.7 million to \$5.79 billion in 2007 mainly as a result of the acquisition of Premier Community Bankshares, Inc. which added approximately \$751 million, including purchase accounting amounts, in portfolio loans. The loan portfolio is comprised of commercial, real estate and consumer loans including credit card and home equity loans. Commercial real estate loans and commercial loans (not secured by real estate) increased \$361.5 million or 31.6% and \$256.0 million or 26.8%, respectively. Single-family residential real estate loans increased \$161.7 million or 9.4%, loans secured by other real estate increased \$119.9 million or 100.0%, construction loans increased \$78.3 million or 15.0%, and consumer loans increased \$9.4 million or 2.7%.

### Commercial Loans

The commercial loan portfolio consists of loans to corporate borrowers primarily in small to mid-size industrial and commercial companies, as well as automobile dealers, service, retail and wholesale merchants. Collateral securing these loans includes equipment, machinery, inventory, receivables, vehicles and commercial real estate. Commercial loans are considered to contain a higher level of risk than other loan types although care is taken to minimize these risks. Numerous risk factors impact this portfolio including industry specific risks such as economy, new technology, labor rates and cyclicity, as well as customer specific factors, such as cash flow, financial structure, operating controls and asset quality. United diversifies risk within this portfolio by closely monitoring industry concentrations and portfolios to ensure that it does not exceed established lending guidelines. Diversification is intended to limit the risk of loss from any single unexpected economic event or trend. Underwriting standards require a comprehensive credit analysis and independent evaluation of virtually all larger balance commercial loans by the loan committee prior to approval.

## Real Estate Loans

Commercial real estate loans consist of commercial mortgages, which generally are secured by nonresidential and multi-family residential properties. Also included in this portfolio are loans that are secured by owner-occupied real estate, but made for purposes other than the construction or purchase of real estate. Commercial real estate loans are to many of the same customers and carry similar industry risks as the commercial loan portfolio. Real estate mortgage loans to consumers are secured primarily by a first lien deed of trust. These loans are traditional one-to-four family residential mortgages. The loans generally do not exceed an 80% loan to value ratio at the loan origination date and most are at a variable rate of interest. These loans are considered to be of normal risk. Also included in the category of real estate mortgage loans are home equity loans.

As of December 31, 2007, approximately \$345.8 million or 6.0% of United's loan portfolio were real estate loans that met the regulatory definition of a high loan-to-value loan. A high loan-to-value real estate loan is defined as any loan, line of credit, or combination of credits secured by liens on or interests in real estate that equals or exceeds a certain percentage established by United's primary regulator of the real estate's appraised value, unless the loan has other appropriate credit support. The certain percentage varies depending on the loan type and collateral. Appropriate credit support may include mortgage insurance, readily marketable collateral, or other acceptable collateral that reduces the loan-to-value ratio below the certain percentage.

## Consumer Loans

Consumer loans are secured by automobiles, boats, recreational vehicles, and other personal property. Personal loans, student loans and unsecured credit card receivables are also included as consumer loans. United monitors the risk associated with these types of loans by monitoring such factors as portfolio growth, lending policies and economic conditions. Underwriting standards are continually evaluated and modified based upon these factors.

## Underwriting Standards

United's loan underwriting guidelines and standards are updated periodically and are presented for approval by the respective Boards of Directors of each of its subsidiary banks. The purpose of the standards and guidelines is to grant loans on a sound and collectible basis; to invest available funds in a safe, profitable manner; to serve the legitimate credit needs of the communities of United's primary market area; and to ensure that all loan applicants receive fair and equal treatment in the lending process. It is the intent of the underwriting guidelines and standards to: minimize loan losses by carefully investigating the credit history of each applicant, verify the source of repayment and the ability of the applicant to repay, collateralize those loans in which collateral is deemed to be required, exercise care in the documentation of the application, review, approval, and origination process, and administer a comprehensive loan collection program. The above guidelines are adhered to and subject to the experience, background and personal judgment of the loan officer assigned to the loan application. A loan officer may grant, with justification, a loan with variances from the underwriting guidelines and standards. However, the loan officer may not exceed his or her respective lending authority without obtaining the prior, proper approval from a superior, a regional supervisor, or the Loan Committee, whichever is deemed appropriate for the nature of the variance.

## Loan Concentrations

United has commercial loans, including real estate and owner-occupied, income-producing real estate and land development loans, of approximately \$3.2 billion as of December 31, 2007. These loans are primarily secured by real estate located in West Virginia, southeastern Ohio, Virginia and Maryland. United categorizes these commercial loans by industry according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) to monitor the portfolio for possible concentrations in one or more industries. As of the most recent fiscal year-end, United has one such industry classification that exceeded 10% of total loans. As of December 31, 2007, approximately \$1.1 billion or 18.1% of United's total loan portfolio were for the purpose of renting and leasing real estate. The loans were originated by United's subsidiary banks using underwriting standards as set forth by management. United's loan administration policies are focused on the risk characteristics of the loan portfolio, including commercial real estate loans, in terms of loan approval and credit quality. It is the opinion of management that these loans do not pose any unusual risks and that adequate consideration has been given to the above loans in establishing the allowance for loan losses.

## Secondary Markets

United generally originates loans within the primary market area of its banking subsidiaries. United may from time to time make loans to borrowers and/or on properties outside of its primary market area as an accommodation to its customers. Processing of all loans is centralized in the Charleston, West Virginia office. As of December 31, 2007, the balance of mortgage loans being serviced by United for others was insignificant.

United Bank (WV) engages in the origination and acquisition of residential real estate loans for resale. These loans are for single-family, owner-occupied residences with either adjustable or fixed rate terms, with a variety of maturities tailored to effectively serve its markets. United Bank (WV)'s originations are predominately in its West Virginia markets. Mortgage loan originations are generally intended to be sold in the secondary market on a best efforts basis.

During 2007, United originated \$37.4 million of real estate loans for sale in the secondary market and sold \$38.2 million of loans designated as held for sale in the secondary market. Net gains on the sales of these loans during 2007 were \$530 thousand.

The principal sources of revenue from United's mortgage banking business are: (i) loan origination fees; (ii) gains or losses from the sale of loans; and (iii) interest earned on mortgage loans during the period that they are held by United pending sale, if any.

## Investment Activities

United's investment policy stresses the management of the investment securities portfolio, which includes both securities held to maturity and securities available for sale, to maximize return over the long-term in a manner that is consistent with good banking practices and relative safety of principal. United currently does not engage in trading account activity. The Asset/Liability Management Committee of United is responsible for the coordination and evaluation of the investment portfolio.

Sources of funds for investment activities include "core deposits". Core deposits include certain demand deposits, statement and special savings and NOW accounts. These deposits are relatively stable and they are the lowest cost source of funds available to United. Short-term borrowings have also been a significant source of funds. These include federal funds purchased, securities sold under agreements to repurchase and FHLB borrowings. Repurchase agreements represent funds that are generally obtained as the result of a competitive bidding process.

United's investment portfolio is comprised of a significant amount of mortgage-backed securities. United has a small amount of U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. Agencies and Corporations. Obligations of States and Political Subdivisions are comprised of primarily "AAA" rated municipal securities. Interest and dividends on securities for the years of 2007, 2006, and 2005 were \$68.3 million, \$72.0 million, and \$69.6 million, respectively. For the year of 2007, United recognized net losses of \$68 thousand. In the year of 2006, United recognized net losses of \$3.2 million due mainly to an other-than-temporary impairment of \$2.9 million on approximately \$86 million of low-yielding fixed rate investment securities which United subsequently sold as part of a balance sheet repositioning in the first quarter of 2006. United recognized net gains of \$695 thousand for the year of 2005.

## Competition

United faces a high degree of competition in all of the markets it serves. These markets may generally be defined as Wood, Kanawha, Monongalia, Jackson, Cabell, Brooke, Hancock, Ohio, Marshall, Gilmer, Harrison, Lewis, Webster, Boone, Logan, Nicholas, Fayette, Berkley, Morgan, Jefferson and Raleigh Counties in West Virginia; Lawrence, Belmont, Jefferson and Washington Counties in Ohio; Montgomery County in Maryland and Arlington, Alexandria, Albemarle, Augusta, Clarke, Fairfax, Frederick, Greene, Loudoun, Prince William, Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Warren Counties in Virginia. United competes in Ohio markets because of the close proximity to the Ohio border of certain subsidiary offices. Included in United's West Virginia markets are the five largest West Virginia Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA): the Parkersburg MSA, the Charleston MSA, the

Huntington MSA, the Wheeling MSA and the Weirton MSA. United's Virginia markets include the Maryland, northern Virginia and Washington, D.C. MSA, the Winchester MSA, the Harrisonburg MSA, and the Charlottesville MSA. United considers the above counties and MSA's to be the primary market area for the business of its banking subsidiaries.

With prior regulatory approval, West Virginia and Virginia banks are permitted unlimited branch banking throughout each state. In addition, interstate acquisitions of and by West Virginia and Virginia banks and bank holding companies are permissible on a reciprocal basis, as well as reciprocal interstate acquisitions by thrift institutions. These conditions serve to intensify competition within United's market.

As of December 31, 2007, there were 72 bank holding companies operating in the State of West Virginia registered with the Federal Reserve System and the West Virginia Board of Banking and Financial Institutions and 99 bank holding companies operating in the Commonwealth of Virginia registered with the Federal Reserve System and the Virginia Corporation Commission. These holding companies are headquartered in various states and control banks throughout West Virginia and Virginia, which compete for business as well as for the acquisition of additional banks.

#### Economic Characteristics of Primary Market Area

As of December 2007, West Virginia's unemployment rate was 4.4% while the national rate was 4.8% according to information from West Virginia's Bureau of Employment Programs. The state unemployment rate of 4.4% for December 2007 was an increase of 2 basis points from the month of November 2007 but down 2 basis points from December 2006. The total number of unemployed state residents increased by 1,600 for the month of December as compared to the month of November. However, the total number of unemployed residents was down 1,100 from December 2006. Population outflows that have constrained faster economic growth in West Virginia may be moderating. In 2002, the U.S. Census Bureau estimated that the state's population increased marginally. While substantially less than the national average, the increase was a substantial improvement over the six prior years, during which time the state's population base shrank.

United's Virginia subsidiary banking offices are located in markets that reflect low unemployment rate levels. According to information available from the Virginia Employment Commission, Virginia's unemployment rate as of December 2007 was 3.3% which was below the U.S. December 2007 unemployment level of 4.8%. However, the 3.3% unemployment rate was a 3 basis point increase from November 2007 as the number of unemployed residents grew by 10,900. United's Virginia subsidiary banking offices are located in four of Virginia's ten metropolitan areas. The Northern Virginia metropolitan area's and the Harrisonburg metropolitan area's unemployment rates were both at 2.5% in December 2007, the lowest among Virginia's ten metropolitan areas. The Charlottesville metropolitan area's unemployment rate was at 2.6% in December 2007, the third lowest among Virginia's ten metropolitan areas. The Winchester metropolitan area's unemployment rate was 3.3% in December 2007.

#### Regulation and Supervision

United, as a bank holding company, is subject to the restrictions of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, and is registered pursuant to its provisions. As such, United is subject to the reporting requirements of and examination by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System ("Board of Governors").

The Bank Holding Company Act prohibits the acquisition by a bank holding company of direct or indirect ownership of more than five percent of the voting shares of any bank within the United States without prior approval of the Board of Governors. With certain exceptions, a bank holding company also is prohibited from acquiring direct or indirect ownership or control of more than five percent of the voting shares of any company which is not a bank, and from engaging directly or indirectly in business unrelated to the business of banking, or managing or controlling banks.

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, in its Regulation Y, permits bank holding companies to engage in preapproved non-banking activities closely related to banking or managing or controlling banks. Approval of the Board of Governors is necessary to engage in certain other non-banking activities which

are not preapproved or to make acquisitions of corporations engaging in these activities. In addition, on a case-by-case basis, the Board of Governors may approve other non-banking activities.

On July 30, 2002, the President of the United States signed into law the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Act), a broad accounting, auditing, disclosure and corporate governance reform law. The legislation was passed in an effort to increase corporate responsibility by improving the accuracy and reliability of corporate disclosures pursuant to the securities laws and to allow stockholders to more easily and efficiently monitor the performance of companies and directors.

As a bank holding company doing business in West Virginia, United is also subject to regulation and examination by the West Virginia Board of Banking and Financial Institutions (the "West Virginia Banking Board") and must submit annual reports to the West Virginia Banking Board. Further, any acquisition application that United must submit to the Board of Governors must also be submitted to the West Virginia Banking Board for approval.

United is also under the jurisdiction of the SEC and certain state securities commissions in regard to the offering and sale of its securities. Generally, United must file under the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, as amended, to issue additional shares of its common stock. United is also registered under and is subject to the regulatory and disclosure requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as administered by the SEC. United is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the quotation symbol "UBSI," and is subject to the rules of the NASDAQ for listed companies.

The Banking Subsidiaries, as state member banks, are subject to supervision, examination and regulation by the Federal Reserve System, and as such, are subject to applicable provisions of the Federal Reserve Act and regulations issued thereunder. Each bank is subject to regulation by its state banking authority.

The deposits of United's Banking Subsidiaries are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") to the extent provided by law. Accordingly, these Banking Subsidiaries are also subject to regulation by the FDIC.

## **Item 1A. RISK FACTORS**

### Changes in interest rates may adversely affect United's business

United's earnings, like most financial institutions, are significantly dependent on its net interest income. Net interest income is the difference between the interest income United earns on loans and other assets which earn interest and the interest expense incurred to fund those assets, such as on savings deposits and borrowed money. Therefore, changes in general market interest rates, such as a change in the monetary policy of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or otherwise beyond those which are contemplated by United's interest rate risk model and policy, could have an effect on net interest income. For more information concerning United's interest rate risk model and policy, see the discussion under the caption "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk" under Item 7A.

#### Loss of United's Chief Executive Officer or other executive officers could adversely affect its business

United's success is dependent upon the continued service and skills of its executive officers and senior management. If United loses the services of these key personnel, it could have a negative impact on United's business because of their skills, years of industry experience and the difficulty of promptly finding qualified replacement personnel. The services of Richard M. Adams, United's Chief Executive Officer, would be particularly difficult to replace. United and Mr. Adams are parties to an Employment Agreement providing for his continued employment by United through March 31, 2013.

#### United operates in a highly competitive market

United faces a high degree of competition in all of the markets it serves. United considers all of West Virginia to be included in its market area. This area includes the five largest West Virginia Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA): the Parkersburg MSA, the Charleston MSA, the Huntington MSA, the Wheeling MSA and the Weirton MSA. United serves the Ohio counties of Lawrence, Belmont, Jefferson and Washington primarily because of their close proximity to the Ohio border and United banking offices nearby in West Virginia. In Virginia, United competes in the Northern Virginia counties of Alexandria, Arlington, Loudoun, Prince William, and Fairfax and in the Shenandoah Valley counties of Albemarle, Augusta, Clarke, Frederick, Greene, Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Warren. In addition, United has offices in Washington, D.C. In Maryland, United has offices in Montgomery county. United considers all of the above locations to be the primary market area for the business of its banking subsidiaries.

There is a risk that aggressive competition could result in United controlling a smaller share of these markets. A decline in market share could lead to a decline in net income which would have a negative impact on stockholder value.

#### Dividend payments by United's subsidiaries to United and by United to its shareholders can be restricted

The declaration and payment of future cash dividends will depend on, among other things, United's earnings, the general economic and regulatory climate, United's liquidity and capital requirements, and other factors deemed relevant by United's board of directors. Federal Reserve Board policy limits the payment of cash dividends by bank holding companies, without regulatory approval, and requires that a holding company serve as a source of strength to its banking subsidiaries.

United's principal source of funds to pay dividends on its common stock is cash dividends from its subsidiaries. The payment of these dividends by its subsidiaries is also restricted by federal and state banking laws and regulations. As of December 31, 2007, an aggregate of approximately \$9.49 million and \$15.53 million was available for dividend payments from United Bank (WV) and United Bank (VA), respectively, to United without regulatory approval.

#### Downturn in the local economies may adversely affect its business

United's business is concentrated in the West Virginia, Northern Virginia and Shenandoah Valley Virginia market areas. As a result, its financial condition, results of operations and cash flows are subject to changes if there are changes in the economic conditions in these areas. A prolonged period of economic recession or other adverse economic conditions in one or both of these areas could have a negative impact on United. A significant decline in general economic conditions nationally, caused by inflation, recession, acts of terrorism, outbreak of hostilities or other international or domestic occurrences, unemployment, changes in securities markets, declines in the housing market, a tightening credit environment or other factors could impact these local economic conditions and, in turn, have a material adverse effect on United's financial condition and results of operations. United can provide no assurance that conditions in its market area economies will not deteriorate in the future and that such a deterioration would not have a material adverse effect on United.

#### There are no assurances as to adequacy of the allowance for credit losses

United believes that its allowance for credit losses is maintained at a level adequate to absorb any probable losses in its loan portfolio given the current information known to management.

Management establishes the allowance based upon many factors, including, but not limited to:

- historical loan loss experience;
- industry diversification of the commercial loan portfolio;
- the effect of changes in the local real estate market on collateral values;
- the amount of nonperforming loans and related collateral security;
- current economic conditions that may affect the borrower's ability to pay and value of collateral;
- sources and cost of funds;
- volume, growth and composition of the loan portfolio; and
- other factors management believes are relevant.

These determinations are based upon estimates that are inherently subjective, and their accuracy depends on the outcome of future events, so ultimate losses may differ from current estimates. Depending on changes in economic, operating and other conditions, including changes in interest rates, that are generally beyond its control, United's actual loan losses could increase significantly. As a result, such losses could exceed United's current allowance estimates. United can provide no assurance that its allowance is sufficient to cover actual loan losses should such losses differ substantially from our current estimates.

In addition, federal and state regulators, as an integral part of their respective supervisory functions, periodically review United's allowance for credit losses. United's independent auditors also review the allowance as a part of their audit. Any increase in its allowance required by either the regulatory agencies or independent auditors would reduce United's pre-tax earnings.

**Item 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS**

None

**Item 2. PROPERTIES**

Offices

United is headquartered in the United Center at 500 Virginia Street, East, Charleston, West Virginia. United's executive offices are located in Parkersburg, West Virginia at Fifth and Avery Streets. United operates one hundred and fourteen (114) full service offices—fifty-four (54) offices located throughout West Virginia, fifty-seven (57) offices in the Shenandoah Valley region of Virginia and the Northern Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C. metropolitan area and three (3) in southeastern Ohio. United owns all of its West Virginia facilities except for two in the Wheeling area, two in the Charleston area, two in the Beckley area, two in the Charles Town area and one each in Parkersburg, Morgantown, and Clarksburg, all of which are leased under operating leases. United owns most of its facilities in the Shenandoah Valley region of Virginia except for ten offices, three in Winchester, one each in Charlottesville, Front Royal, Harrisonburg, Staunton, Waynesboro, Weyers Cave and Woodstock which are leased under operating leases. United leases all of its facilities under operating lease agreements in the Northern Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C. areas except for four offices, one each in Fairfax, Alexandria, and Vienna, Virginia and one in Bethesda, Maryland which are owned facilities. In Ohio, United leases two of its three facilities, one each in Bellaire and St. Clairsville. United leases an operations center facility in the Charleston area.

**Item 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

In the normal course of business, United and its subsidiaries are currently involved in various legal proceedings. Management is vigorously pursuing all its legal and factual defenses and, after consultation with legal counsel, believes that all such litigation will be resolved with no material effect on United's financial position.

**Item 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS**

No matters were submitted to a vote of security holders during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year covered by this report.

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**FORM 10-K, PART II**

**Item 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES**

Stock

As of December 31, 2007, 100,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$2.50 per share, were authorized for United, of which 44,320,832 were issued, including 1,086,106 shares held as treasury shares. The outstanding shares are held by approximately 6,732 shareholders of record, as well as 17,102 shareholders in street name as of January 31, 2008. The unissued portion of United's authorized common stock (subject to registration approval by the SEC) and the treasury shares are available for issuance as the Board of Directors determines advisable. United offers its shareholders the opportunity to invest dividends in shares of United stock through its dividend reinvestment plan. United has also established stock option plans and a stock bonus plan as incentive for certain eligible officers. In addition to the above incentive plans, United is occasionally involved in certain mergers in which additional shares could be issued and recognizes that additional shares could be issued for other appropriate purposes.

In May of 2006, United's Board of Directors approved a new stock repurchase plan, whereby United could buy up to 1,700,000 shares of its common stock in the open market. During 2007, 718,500 shares were repurchased under the plan.

The Board of Directors believes that the availability of authorized but unissued common stock of United is of considerable value if opportunities should arise for the acquisition of other businesses through the issuance of United's stock. Shareholders do not have preemptive rights, which allows United to issue additional authorized shares without first offering them to current shareholders.

United has only one class of stock and all voting rights are vested in the holders of United's stock. On all matters subject to a vote of shareholders, the shareholders of United will be entitled to one vote for each share of common stock owned. Shareholders of United have cumulative voting rights with regard to election of directors. At the present time, no senior securities of United are outstanding, nor does the Board of Directors presently contemplate issuing senior securities.

There are no preemptive or conversion rights or, redemption or sinking fund provisions with respect to United's stock. All of the issued and outstanding shares of United's stock are fully paid and non-assessable.

Dividends

The shareholders of United are entitled to receive dividends when and as declared by its Board of Directors. Dividends have been paid quarterly. Dividends were \$1.13 per share in 2007, \$1.09 per share in 2006 and \$1.05 per share in 2005. The payment of dividends is subject to the restrictions set forth in the West Virginia Corporation Act and the limitations imposed by the Federal Reserve Board. See "Market and Stock Prices of United" for quarterly dividend information.

Payment of dividends by United is dependent upon receipt of dividends from its Banking Subsidiaries. Payment of dividends by United's state member Banking Subsidiaries is regulated by the Federal Reserve System and generally, the prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board (FRB) is required if the total dividends declared by a state member bank in any calendar year exceeds its net profits, as defined, for that year combined with its retained net profits for the preceding two years. Additionally, prior approval of the FRB is required when a state member bank has deficit retained earnings but has sufficient current year's net income, as defined, plus the retained net profits of the two preceding years. The FRB may prohibit dividends if it deems the payment to be an unsafe or unsound banking practice. The FRB has issued guidelines for dividend payments by state member banks emphasizing that proper dividend size depends on the bank's earnings and capital. See Note S - Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

### Market and Stock Prices of United

United Bankshares, Inc. stock is traded over the counter on the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations System, Global Select Market (NASDAQ) under the trading symbol UBSI. The closing sale price reported for United's common stock on February 22, 2008, the last practicable date, was \$28.27.

The high and low prices listed below are based upon information available to United's management from NASDAQ listings. No attempt has been made by United's management to ascertain the prices for every sale of its stock during the periods indicated. However, based on the information available, United's management believes that the prices fairly represent the amounts at which United's stock was traded during the periods reflected.

The following table presents the dividends and high and low prices of United's common stock during the periods set forth below:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>Dividends</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
First Quarter through January 31, 2008		\$0.29 (1)	\$32.50	\$24.00
	<u>2007</u>			
Fourth Quarter		\$0.29	\$33.61	\$25.54
Third Quarter		\$0.28	\$32.98	\$25.70
Second Quarter		\$0.28	\$35.37	\$30.88
First Quarter		\$0.28	\$39.50	\$33.60
	<u>2006</u>			
Fourth Quarter		\$0.28	\$39.71	\$36.51
Third Quarter		\$0.27	\$38.28	\$34.21
Second Quarter		\$0.27	\$38.41	\$34.46
First Quarter		\$0.27	\$38.50	\$34.46

(1) On January 28, 2008, United declared a dividend of \$0.29 per share, payable April 1, 2008, to shareholders of record as of March 14, 2008.

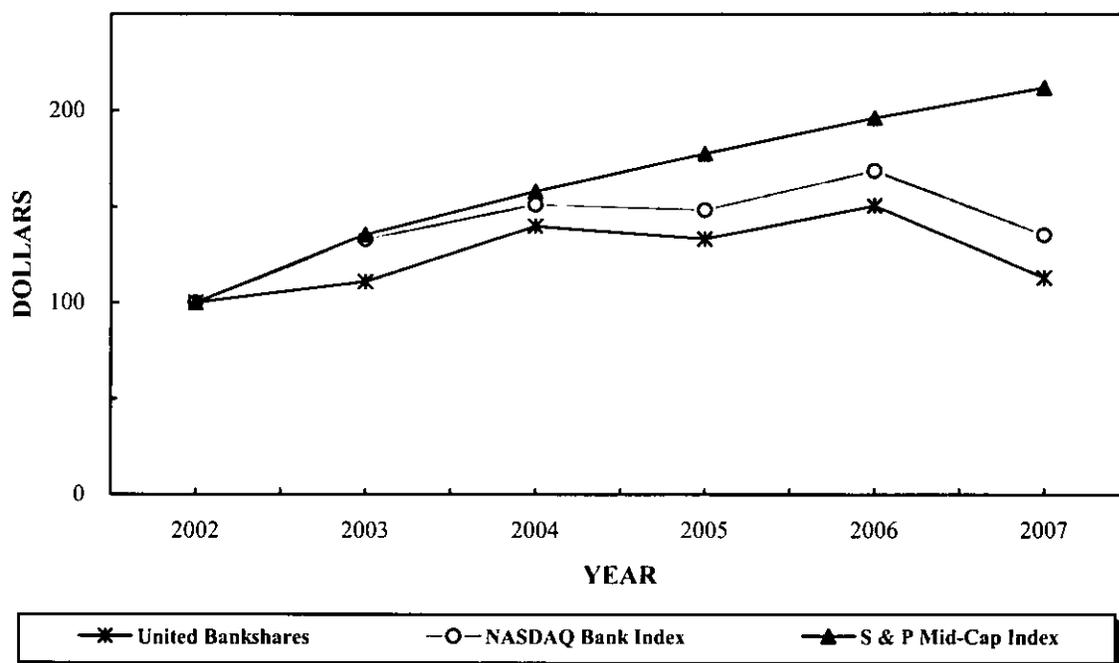
### Stock Performance Graph

*The following Stock Performance Graph and related information shall not be deemed "soliciting material" or to be "filed" with the Securities and Exchange Commission, nor shall such information be incorporated by reference into any future filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each as amended, except to the extent that United specifically incorporates it by reference into such filing.*

The following graph compares United's cumulative total shareholder return (assuming reinvestment of dividends) on its common stock for the five-year period ending December 31, 2007, with the cumulative total return (assuming reinvestment of dividends) of the Standard and Poor's Midcap 400 Index and with the NASDAQ Bank Index. The cumulative total shareholder return assumes a \$100 investment on December 31, 2002 in the common stock of United and each index and the cumulative return is measured as of each subsequent fiscal year-end. There is no assurance that United's common stock performance will continue in the future with the same or similar trends as depicted in the graph.

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## Total Return Analysis



	Period Ending					
	12/31/02	12/31/03	12/31/04	12/31/05	12/31/06	12/31/07
United Bankshares, Inc.	100.00	111.04	139.96	133.24	150.41	113.06
NASDAQ Bank Index	100.00	133.03	151.18	148.26	168.72	135.16
S&P Mid-Cap Index	100.00	135.59	157.93	177.75	196.08	211.71

### Issuer Repurchases

The table below includes certain information regarding United's purchase of its common shares during the three months ended December 31, 2007:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased (1) (2)	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans (3)	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet be Purchased Under the Plans (3)
10/01 – 10/31/2007	29	\$32.17	---	322,200
11/01 – 11/30/2007	2,867	\$32.22	---	322,200
12/01 – 12/31/2007	87	\$28.94	---	322,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,983</b>	<b>\$30.29</b>		

- (1) Includes shares exchanged in connection with the exercise of stock options under United's stock option plans. Shares are purchased pursuant to the terms of the applicable stock option plan and not pursuant to a publicly announced stock repurchase plan. For the quarter ended December 31, 2007, the following shares were exchanged by participants in United's stock option plans: November 2007 – 2,838 shares at an average price of \$30.30.
- (2) Includes shares purchased in open market transactions by United for a rabbi trust to provide payment of benefits under a deferred compensation plan for certain key officers of United and its subsidiaries. For the quarter ended December 31, 2007, the following shares were purchased for the deferred compensation plan: October 2007 – 29 shares at an average price of \$32.17; November 2007 – 29 shares at an average price of \$32.16; and December 2007 – 87 shares at an average price of \$28.94.
- (3) In May of 2006, United's Board of Directors approved a repurchase plan to repurchase up to 1,700,000 shares of United's common stock on the open market (the 2006 Plan). The timing, price and quantity of purchases under the plans are at the discretion of management and the plan may be discontinued, suspended or restarted at any time depending on the facts and circumstances.

## Item 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following consolidated selected financial data is derived from United's audited financial statements as of and for the five years ended December 31, 2007. The selected financial data should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and the Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes contained elsewhere in this report.

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)	Five Year Summary				
	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
<b>Summary of Operations:</b>					
Total interest income	\$438,729	\$400,683	\$345,278	\$293,350	\$272,520
Total interest expense	213,310	181,090	124,451	88,914	95,504
Net interest income	225,419	219,593	220,827	204,436	177,016
Provision for loan losses	5,330	1,437	5,618	4,520	7,475
Other income	57,749	49,033	52,625	54,231	52,084
Other expense	147,929	137,173	121,160	137,061	129,538
Income taxes	39,235	40,767	46,265	33,771	28,010
Income from continuing operations	90,674	89,249	100,409	83,315	64,077
Income from discontinued operations before income taxes	---	---	---	20,780	20,433
Income taxes	---	---	---	6,333	5,745
Income from discontinued operations	---	---	---	14,447	14,688
Net Income	90,674	89,249	100,409	97,762	78,765
Cash dividends	47,446	45,219	44,575	44,228	42,028
<b>Per common share:</b>					
Income from continuing operations:					
Basic	2.16	2.15	2.36	1.92	1.52
Diluted	2.15	2.13	2.33	1.89	1.50
Income from discontinued operations:					
Basic	---	---	---	0.33	0.35
Diluted	---	---	---	0.33	0.35
Net income:					
Basic	2.16	2.15	2.36	2.25	1.87
Diluted	2.15	2.13	2.33	2.22	1.85
Cash dividends	1.13	1.09	1.05	1.02	1.00
Book value per share	17.61	15.44	15.12	14.68	14.08
<b>Selected Ratios:</b>					
Return on average shareholders' equity	12.99%	13.90%	15.66%	15.56%	13.86%
Return on average assets	1.28%	1.34%	1.55%	1.55%	1.36%
Dividend payout ratio	52.33%	50.67%	44.39%	45.24%	53.39%
<b>Selected Balance Sheet Data:</b>					
Average assets	\$7,100,885	\$6,641,224	\$6,465,764	\$6,295,076	\$5,809,131
Investment securities	1,394,764	1,275,470	1,501,966	1,510,442	1,510,610
Loans held for sale	1,270	2,041	3,324	3,981	1,687
Total loans	5,793,484	4,806,747	4,649,829	4,418,276	3,955,234
Assets of discontinued operations	---	---	---	---	334,340
Total assets	7,994,739	6,717,598	6,728,492	6,435,971	6,387,730
Total deposits	5,349,750	4,828,192	4,617,452	4,297,563	4,138,487
Long-term borrowings	774,162	499,200	547,731	533,755	459,663
Liabilities of discontinued operations	---	---	---	---	300,754
Total liabilities	7,233,540	6,083,506	6,093,287	5,804,464	5,772,539
Shareholders' equity	761,199	634,092	635,205	631,507	615,191

**Item 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Congress passed the Private Securities Litigation Act of 1995 to encourage corporations to provide investors with information about the company's anticipated future financial performance, goals, and strategies. The act provides a safe haven for such disclosure; in other words, protection from unwarranted litigation if actual results are not the same as management expectations.

United desires to provide its shareholders with sound information about past performance and future trends. Consequently, any forward-looking statements contained in this report, in a report incorporated by reference to this report, or made by management of United in this report, in any other reports and filings, in press releases and in oral statements, involve numerous assumptions, risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from those contained in or implied by United's statements for a variety of factors including, but not limited to: changes in economic conditions; movements in interest rates; competitive pressures on product pricing and services; success and timing of business strategies; the nature and extent of governmental actions and reforms; and rapidly changing technology and evolving banking industry standards.

**INTRODUCTION**

The following discussion and analysis presents the significant changes in financial condition and the results of operations of United and its subsidiaries for the periods indicated below. This discussion and the consolidated financial statements and the notes to consolidated financial statements include the accounts of United Bankshares, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, unless otherwise indicated.

On July 14, 2007, United acquired 100% of the outstanding common stock of Premier Community Bankshares, Inc. (Premier) of Winchester, Virginia. The results of operations of Premier, which are not significant, are included in the consolidated results of operations from the date of acquisition. However, comparisons for the year of 2007 to the year of 2006 are impacted by increased levels of reported average balance sheet, income, expense, and the credit quality results due to the acquisition. In addition, United incurred merger expenses and related integration costs of \$1.48 million for the year of 2007 due to the Premier acquisition which are included in other noninterest expense in United's Consolidated Statements of Income. At consummation, Premier had assets of approximately \$911 million, loans of \$759 million, deposits of \$716 million and shareholders' equity of \$71 million. The transaction was accounted for under the purchase method of accounting.

Prior to July 7, 2004, United operated two main business segments: community banking and mortgage banking. As previously reported, on July 7, 2004, United sold its wholly owned mortgage banking subsidiary, George Mason Mortgage, LLC (Mason Mortgage). United's mortgage banking activities were conducted primarily through Mason Mortgage, which was previously reported as a separate segment. For the years prior to 2005, Mason Mortgage is shown as discontinued operations for all periods presented. Since the sale of Mason Mortgage, United's operations relate mainly to community banking which offers customers traditional banking products and services, including loan and deposit products, and wealth management services which include investment banking, financial planning, trust and brokerage services.

This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes thereto, which are included elsewhere in this document.

**APPLICATION OF CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting and reporting policies of United conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is required to make estimates, assumptions and judgments that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. These estimates, assumptions and judgments are based on information available as of the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from these estimates. These policies, along with the disclosures presented in the financial statement notes and in this financial review, provide information on how significant assets and liabilities are valued in the financial statements and how those values are determined. Based on the valuation techniques used and the sensitivity of financial statement amounts to the methods,

assumptions, and estimates underlying those amounts, management has identified the determination of the allowance for loan losses, income taxes, and the valuation of retained interests in securitized financial assets to be the accounting areas that require the most subjective or complex judgments, and as such, could be most subject to revision as new information becomes available. The most significant accounting policies followed by United are presented in Note A, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

The allowance for credit losses represents management's estimate of the probable credit losses inherent in the lending portfolio. Determining the amount of the allowance for credit losses is considered a critical accounting estimate because management's evaluation of the adequacy of the allowance for credit losses is inherently subjective and requires significant estimates, including the amounts and timing of estimated future cash flows, estimated losses on pools of loans based on historical loss experience, and consideration of current economic trends, all of which are susceptible to constant and significant change. In determining the components of the allowance for credit losses, management considers the risk arising in part from, but not limited to, charge-off and delinquency trends, current economic and business conditions, lending policies and procedures, the size and risk characteristics of the loan portfolio, concentrations of credit, and other various factors. The methodology used to determine the allowance for credit losses is described in Note A, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. A discussion of the factors leading to changes in the amount of the allowance for credit losses is included in the Provision for Credit Losses section of this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. For a discussion of concentrations of credit risk, see Item 1, under the caption of Loan Concentrations in this Form 10-K.

United uses derivative instruments as part of its risk management activities to protect the value of certain assets and liabilities against adverse price or interest rate movements. All derivative instruments are carried at fair value on the balance sheet. The valuation of these derivative instruments is considered critical because carrying assets and liabilities at fair value inherently result in more financial statement volatility. The fair values and the information used to record valuation adjustments for certain assets and liabilities are provided by third party sources. Because the majority of the derivative instruments are used to protect the value of other assets and liabilities on the balance sheet, changes in the value of the derivative instruments are typically offset by changes in the value of the assets and liabilities being hedged, although income statement volatility can occur if the derivative instruments are not effective in hedging changes in the value of those assets and liabilities.

United's calculation of income tax provision is complex and requires the use of estimates and judgments in its determination. As part of United's analysis and implementation of business strategies, consideration is given to tax laws and regulations that may affect the transaction under evaluation. This analysis includes the amount and timing of the realization of income tax liabilities or benefits. United strives to keep abreast of changes in the tax laws and the issuance of regulations which may impact tax reporting and provisions for income tax expense. United is also subject to audit by federal and state authorities. Because the application of tax laws is subject to varying interpretations, results of these audits may produce indicated liabilities which differ from United's estimates and provisions. United continually evaluates its exposure to possible tax assessments arising from audits and records its estimate of probable exposure based on current facts and circumstances.

Any material effect on the financial statements related to these critical accounting areas is further discussed in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

## **2007 COMPARED TO 2006**

### **FINANCIAL CONDITION SUMMARY**

United's total assets as of December 31, 2007 were \$7.99 billion, an increase of \$1.28 billion or 19.01% from year-end 2006, primarily the result of the acquisition of Premier Community Bankshares, Inc (Premier) on July 14, 2007. Investment securities increased \$119.29 million or 9.35%, total portfolio loans increased \$986.74 million or 20.53%, bank premises and equipment increased \$23.57 million or 61.84%, goodwill increased \$144.69 million or 86.42% and other assets increased \$35.08 million or 19.72% due primarily to the Premier merger. Cash and cash equivalents decreased \$28.36 million or 10.95%. The increase in total assets is reflected in a corresponding increase in total liabilities of \$1.15 billion or 18.90% from year-end 2006. The increase in total liabilities was due mainly to an increase of \$521.56 million or 10.80% and \$628.76 million or 53.22% in deposits and borrowings, respectively, mainly due to the Premier acquisition. Shareholders' equity increased \$127.11 million or 20.05% from year-end 2006 due primarily to the acquisition of Premier. The following discussion explains in more detail the changes in financial condition by major category.

## Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents decreased \$28.36 million or 10.95% from year-end 2006. Of this total decrease, cash and due from banks decreased \$6.38 million or 2.93%, interest-bearing deposits with other banks decreased \$20.92 million or 91.42%, and federal funds sold decreased \$1.06 million or 5.72%. During the year of 2007, net cash of \$81.46 million and \$253.41 million was provided by operating and financing activities, respectively. Net cash of \$363.23 million was used in investing activities. Further details related to changes in cash and cash equivalents are presented in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

## Securities

Total investment securities increased \$119.29 million or 9.35% since year-end 2006. Premier added approximately \$36 million in investment securities, including fair value adjustments, at merger. Securities available for sale increased \$146.31 million or 14.48%. This change reflects \$626.98 million in sales, maturities and calls of securities, \$744.38 million in purchases and an increase of \$131 thousand in market value. Securities held to maturity declined \$55.07 million which was a decrease of 25.94%. This decrease was due to maturities and calls of securities within the portfolio of \$57.69 million during the year of 2007. The amortized cost and estimated fair value of investment securities, including types and remaining maturities, is presented in Note C to the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

## Loans

Loans held for sale decreased \$771 thousand or 37.78% as loan sales in the secondary market slightly exceeded loan originations during the year of 2007. Portfolio loans, net of unearned income, increased \$986.74 million or 20.53% from year-end 2006 mainly the result of the Premier acquisition which added approximately \$751 million, including fair value adjustments, in portfolio loans. Since year-end 2006, commercial real estate loans and commercial loans (not secured by real estate) increased \$361.53 million or 31.55% and \$256.03 million or 26.84%, respectively. Single-family residential real estate loans increased \$161.70 million or 9.40%, construction loans increased \$78.28 million or 14.97%, other real estate loans increased \$119.93 million or 99.97%, and consumer loans increased \$9.38 million or 2.68%. The increases were due primarily to the Premier merger.

The table below summarizes the changes by loan category since year-end 2006:

(Dollars in thousands)	At December 31		\$ Change	% Change
	2007	2006		
Loans held for sale	\$ 1,270	\$ 2,041	\$ (771)	(37.78%)
Commercial, financial, and agricultural Real Estate:	\$ 1,210,049	\$ 954,024	\$ 256,025	26.84%
Single family residential	1,882,498	1,720,794	161,704	9.40%
Commercial	1,507,541	1,146,007	361,534	31.55%
Construction	601,323	523,042	78,281	14.97%
Other	239,907	119,973	119,934	99.97%
Consumer	359,243	349,868	9,375	2.68%
Less: Unearned interest	(7,077)	(6,961)	(116)	1.67%
Total Loans, net of unearned interest	\$ 5,793,484	\$ 4,806,747	\$ 986,737	20.53%

For a summary of major classifications of loans, see Note E, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

## Other Assets

Other assets increased \$35.08 million or 19.72% from year-end 2006. The Premier merger added approximately \$12 million in other assets at merger plus an additional \$11.11 million in core deposit intangibles. The cash surrender value of bank-owned life insurance policies increased \$11.99 million as approximately \$7 million was acquired from Premier while the remaining increase was due to an increase in the cash surrender value. An income tax receivable of \$4.62 million was recorded at December 31, 2007. Investments in nonconsolidated subsidiaries increased \$3.54 million during the year due to two new statutory trust subsidiaries formed in the third quarter of 2007 for the purpose of participating in pools of trust preferred capital securities.

## Deposits

Deposits represent United's primary source of funding. Total deposits at December 31, 2007 grew \$521.56 million or 10.80% since year-end 2006 as a result of the Premier acquisition. Premier added approximately \$717 million in deposits, including purchase accounting amounts. In terms of composition, noninterest-bearing deposits increased \$10.22 million or 1.13% while interest-bearing deposits increased \$511.34 million or 13.03% from December 31, 2006.

The increase in noninterest-bearing deposits was due mainly to the Premier acquisition which added approximately \$97 million at merger. Commercial noninterest-bearing deposits increased \$35.47 million or 6.19% due mainly to the Premier acquisition. Personal noninterest-bearing deposits were flat, increasing \$1.71 million or less than 1%.

The increase in interest-bearing deposits was due mainly to the Premier merger as all major categories of interest-bearing deposits increased. Time deposits under \$100,000 increased \$239.64 million or 18.18%, time deposits over \$100,000 increased \$179.51 million or 23.18%, interest-bearing money market accounts (MMDAs) increased \$70.07 million or 5.17%, NOW accounts increased \$15.04 million or 9.42% and regular savings increased \$7.09 million or 2.23%.

The table below summarizes the changes by deposit category since year-end 2006:

	December 31 2007	December 31 2006	\$ Change	% Change
(Dollars In thousands)				
Demand deposits	\$ 409,109	\$ 429,504	\$ (20,395)	(4.75%)
Interest-bearing checking	174,666	159,628	15,038	9.42%
Regular savings	324,728	317,642	7,086	2.23%
Money market accounts	1,929,985	1,829,300	100,685	5.50%
Time deposits under \$100,000	1,557,478	1,317,839	239,639	18.18%
Time deposits over \$100,000	953,784	774,279	179,505	23.18%
Total deposits	<u>\$ 5,349,750</u>	<u>\$ 4,828,192</u>	<u>\$ 521,558</u>	<u>10.80%</u>

More information relating to deposits is presented in Note I, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

## Borrowings

Total borrowings at December 31, 2007 increased \$628.76 million or 53.22% during the year of 2007. Premier added approximately \$114 million at merger.

Since year-end 2006, short-term borrowings increased \$353.80 million or 51.86% due to increases of \$314.00 million and \$39.13 million in overnight FHLB borrowings and securities sold under agreements to repurchase, respectively. Premier added approximately \$20 million in short-term borrowings at merger.

Long-term borrowings increased \$274.96 million or 55.08% since year-end 2006 as long-term FHLB advances increased \$164.37 million or 39.71%. Premier added approximately \$55 million in FHLB advances. During the third quarter of 2007, United participated in two pools of trust preferred capital securities totaling \$80 million with the proceeds invested in junior

subordinated debt securities of United. The proceeds of the issuance were used to help fund the cash portion of the acquisition price for Premier. In addition, United assumed approximately \$39 million of junior subordinated debt securities in the Premier merger.

In the fourth quarter of 2007, United prepaid certain FHLB long-term advances in the amount of \$380 million and terminated an interest rate swap associated with one of the advances. The prepayment of the FHLB advances resulted in before-tax penalties of approximately \$4.33 million. The termination of the interest rate swap resulted in a before-tax loss of approximately \$8.90 million. At the time of prepayment, the FHLB advances and associated interest rate swap had an effective cost of 5.39% and a remaining life of 2.4 years. United replaced the prepaid debt with FHLB advances and an associated interest rate swap that had a total effective cost of 3.97% and a average maturity of 2.8 years.

In the second quarter of 2007, United prepaid two \$100 million long-term FHLB advances and terminated two interest rate swaps associated with the advances. In addition, United prepaid approximately \$28.9 million of a \$100 million long-term convertible FHLB advance. United incurred a before-tax charge of approximately \$786 thousand to prepay the debt and a before-tax gain of \$787 thousand on the termination of the interest rate swaps. At the time of prepayment, the FHLB advances and the associated interest rate swaps had an effective cost of 5.40% and a remaining life of 6.3 years. United replaced the debt with a 3-year FHLB advance and an associated interest rate swap that had a total effective cost of 5.26%.

United's management believes that the prepayment of these FHLB borrowings and the termination of the interest rate swaps will improve United's future net interest margin and enhance future earnings as well as improving the interest rate risk.

In the third quarter of 2006, United completed a series of transactions to prepay two \$100 million convertible FHLB advances and terminate an interest rate swap associated with one of the advances. United incurred a before-tax charge of approximately \$8.26 million to prepay the debt and a before-tax loss of \$7.66 million on the termination of the interest rate swaps. At the time of prepayment, the FHLB advances and associated interest rate swap had an effective cost of 7.71%. The debt and interest rate swap had a remaining life of approximately 4 years. United replaced the debt with 5-year and 10-year FHLB advances and associated interest rate swaps that had a total effective cost of 5.35%.

During the fourth quarter of 2007, United through its subsidiary, United Statutory Trust II, redeemed \$10.31 million of trust preferred securities. The securities were redeemed at par value plus accrued interest. The securities carried an interest rate of 8.45% at the time of redemption.

During the fourth quarter of 2006, United through its subsidiary, Sequoia Capital Trust II, redeemed \$3.09 million of trust preferred securities. The securities were redeemed at par value plus accrued interest. The securities carried an interest rate of 9.17% at the time of redemption.

The table below summarizes the changes by borrowing category since year-end 2006:

	<u>December 31</u>		<u>Amount</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>		
(Dollars In thousands)				
Federal funds purchased	\$ 97,074	\$ 97,720	\$ (646)	(0.66%)
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	499,989	460,858	39,131	8.49%
Overnight FHLB advances	434,000	120,000	314,000	261.67%
TT&L note option	5,000	3,688	1,312	35.57%
Long-term FHLB advances	578,272	413,899	164,373	39.71%
Issuances of trust preferred capital securities	195,890	85,301	110,589	129.65%
Total borrowings	<u>\$ 1,810,225</u>	<u>\$ 1,181,466</u>	<u>\$ 628,759</u>	<u>53.22%</u>

For a further discussion of borrowings see Notes J and K, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

## Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities

Accrued expenses and other liabilities were flat, increasing \$171 thousand or less than 1% from year-end 2006. Premier added approximately \$12 million at merger. Significant decreases in accrued expenses and other liabilities were in income taxes payable of \$9.73 million due to an income tax receivable of \$4.62 million recorded in other assets as opposed to a payable recorded in other liabilities at December 31, 2007 and the derivative liability associated with interest rate swaps of \$1.69 million due to a change in value. Partially offsetting these decreases were increases of \$3.59 million in interest payable due to higher interest rates and an increase in borrowings. In addition, deferred compensation increased \$2.89 million and other accrued expenses increased \$3.70 million due to the Premier acquisition.

## Shareholders' Equity

Shareholders' equity at December 31, 2007 increased \$127.11 million or 20.05% from December 31, 2006 mainly as a result of the Premier acquisition. The premier transaction added approximately \$102 million as 2,684,068 shares were issued from treasury for the merger at a cost of \$93.71 million. Earnings net of dividends declared for the year of 2007 were \$43.23 million.

Since year-end 2006, a total of 718,500 shares at a cost of \$24.78 million were repurchased under a plan approved by United's Board of Directors in May 2006 to repurchase up to 1.7 million shares of United's common stock on the open market. Since its inception, United has repurchased a total of 1,377,800 under the plan as of December 31, 2007.

Accumulated other comprehensive income increased \$3.31 million due mainly to an increase of \$1.95 million, net of deferred income taxes, in the fair value adjustment on cash flow hedges. The fair value of United's available for sale investment portfolio, net of deferred income taxes increased \$86 thousand.

## EARNINGS SUMMARY

Net income for the year 2007 was \$90.67 million or \$2.15 per diluted share compared to \$89.25 million or \$2.13 per share for the year of 2006. As previously mentioned, United completed its acquisition of Premier Community Bankshares, Inc. (Premier) during the third quarter of 2007. The financial results of Premier are included in United's results from the July 14, 2007 acquisition date.

The results for the year of 2007 included significant charges to prepay certain long-term debt and consummate the acquisition of Premier Community Bankshares, Inc. (Premier). During the second and fourth quarters of 2007, United prepaid certain Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) long-term advances totaling \$580 million and terminated interest rate swaps associated with three of the advances. The prepayment of the FHLB advances resulted in before-tax penalties of \$5.12 million. The termination of the interest rate swaps resulted in a before-tax loss of \$8.11 million. During the third quarter of 2007, United completed its acquisition of Premier based in Winchester, Virginia. Merger expenses and related integration costs of the Premier acquisition were \$1.48 million for the year of 2007.

The results for the year of 2006 included charges of \$12.86 million to prepay certain FHLB long-term advances and terminate associated interest rate swaps. The results for 2006 also included a net loss of \$3.18 million on investment securities transactions mainly the result of a balance sheet repositioning in the first quarter of 2006. Further information is provided in a more detailed discussion on the following pages.

United's return on average assets for the year of 2007 was 1.28% and return on average shareholders' equity was 12.99% as compared to 1.34% and 13.90% for the year of 2006.

Tax-equivalent net interest income for the year of 2007 was \$241.89 million, an increase of \$6.85 million or 2.91% from the prior year. The provision for credit losses was \$5.33 million for the year 2007 as compared to \$1.44 million for the year of 2006.

Noninterest income was \$57.75 million for the year of 2007, up \$8.72 million or 17.78% when compared to the prior year. Included in total noninterest income for the year of 2007 was a before-tax loss of \$8.11 million on the termination of interest rate swaps associated with the prepayment of FHLB advances as compared to a before-tax loss of \$4.60 million for the year

of 2006. In addition, United's income from investment security transactions increased \$3.11 million for the year of 2007 as compared to the same period last year as United incurred a net loss on security transaction of \$2.93 million in the first quarter of 2006 due to an other than temporary impairment on approximately \$86 million of low-yielding fixed rate investment securities which United subsequently sold as part of its balance sheet repositioning.

Noninterest expense was \$147.93 million, an increase of \$10.76 million or 7.84% for the year of 2007 when compared 2006. Results for the year of 2007 included \$1.48 million of expenses and integration costs related to the Premier merger. Results for the year 2007 and 2006 both included penalties to prepay FHLB advances of \$5.12 million and \$8.26 million, respectively.

United's effective tax rate was approximately 30.2% and 31.4% for years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, as compared to 31.5% for 2005.

The following discussion explains in more detail the results of operations by major category.

### **Net Interest Income**

Net interest income represents the primary component of United's earnings. It is the difference between interest income from earning assets and interest expense incurred to fund these assets. Net interest income is impacted by changes in the volume and mix of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, as well as changes in market interest rates. Such changes, and their impact on net interest income in 2007, are summarized below.

Tax-equivalent net interest income for the year of 2007 was \$241.89 million, an increase of \$6.85 million or 2.91% from the year of 2006. The net interest margin for the year of 2007 was 3.76%, down 10 basis points from a net interest margin of 3.86% during the same period last year.

Tax-equivalent interest income for the year of 2007 was \$455.20 million, a \$39.07 million or 9.39% increase from the year of 2006. Average earning assets increased \$352.99 million or 5.80% as average net loans increased \$418.77 million or 8.94% due mainly to the Premier acquisition. In addition, the average yield on earning assets for the year of 2007 increased 23 basis points from the year of 2006 due to higher market interest rates during the first three quarters of 2007. Partially offsetting the loan growth and average yield on earning assets, interest income from United's asset securitization decreased \$1.52 million or 34.70% for the year of 2007 from the same period in 2006.

Interest expense for the year of 2007 was \$213.31 million, an increase of \$32.22 million or 17.79% from the year of 2006. The increase in interest expense for the year of 2007 was mainly due to an increase in average interest-bearing funds of \$421.82 million or 8.31% due mainly to the Premier acquisition. Average interest-bearing deposits increased \$326.11 million or 8.54% and average long-term borrowings increased \$125.89 million or 24.70% due mainly to the Premier acquisition while average short-term borrowings decreased \$30.17 million or 4.05% as United shifted from short-term borrowings as market interest rates began to rise. The average cost of funds increased 31 basis points from the year of 2006 as a result of the higher market interest rates during the first three quarters of 2007. The average cost of interest-bearing deposits was 3.54% for the year of 2007, up 44 basis points from 3.10% for the year of 2006 while the average cost of short-term borrowings was 4.31% for the year of 2007, an increase of 27 basis points from 4.04% for the year of 2006. The average cost of long-term borrowings was 5.61% for the year of 2007, a decrease of 77 basis points from 6.38% for the year of 2006 as United prepaid certain FHLB advances in the second and fourth quarters of 2007 to lower the average effective cost on the debt.

The following table shows the consolidated daily average balance of major categories of assets and liabilities for each of the three years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005 with the consolidated interest and rate earned or paid on such amount.

	Year Ended December 31, 2007			Year Ended December 31, 2006			Year Ended December 31, 2005		
	Average Balance	Interest	Avg. Rate	Average Balance	Interest	Avg. Rate	Average Balance	Interest	Avg. Rate
<b>ASSETS</b>									
Earning Assets:									
Federal funds sold, securities repurchased under agreements to resell & other short-term investments	\$ 48,754	\$ 2,504	5.14%	\$ 41,444	\$ 1,804	4.35%	\$ 27,481	\$ 850	3.09%
Investment Securities:									
Taxable	1,059,530	55,054	5.20%	1,122,940	57,374	5.11%	1,242,271	57,023	4.59%
Tax-exempt (1) (2)	222,564	17,989	8.08%	232,241	19,523	8.41%	202,741	16,756	8.26%
Total Securities	1,282,094	73,043	5.70%	1,355,181	76,897	5.67%	1,445,012	73,779	5.11%
Loans, net of unearned income (1) (2) (3)	5,151,252	379,654	7.37%	4,729,810	337,434	7.13%	4,496,774	283,239	6.30%
Allowance for loan losses	(46,766)			(44,089)			(43,589)		
Net loans	5,104,486		7.44%	4,685,721		7.20%	4,453,185		6.36%
Total earning assets	6,435,334	\$ 455,201	7.07%	6,082,346	\$ 416,135	6.84%	5,925,678	\$ 357,868	6.04%
Other assets	665,551			558,878			540,086		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$7,100,885</b>			<b>\$6,641,224</b>			<b>\$6,465,764</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>									
Interest-Bearing Funds:									
Interest-bearing deposits	\$4,145,925	\$ 146,918	3.54%	\$3,819,820	\$ 118,517	3.10%	\$3,546,918	\$ 73,146	2.06%
Short-term borrowings	713,886	30,745	4.31%	744,057	30,051	4.04%	734,228	17,816	2.43%
Long-term borrowings	635,476	35,647	5.61%	509,587	32,522	6.38%	575,354	33,489	5.82%
Total Interest-Bearing Funds	5,495,287	213,310	3.88%	5,073,464	181,090	3.57%	4,856,500	124,451	2.56%
Noninterest-bearing deposits	840,660			865,098			913,629		
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	67,053			60,674			54,514		
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>6,403,000</b>			<b>5,999,236</b>			<b>5,824,643</b>		
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>697,885</b>			<b>641,988</b>			<b>641,121</b>		
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>\$7,100,885</b>			<b>\$6,641,224</b>			<b>\$6,465,764</b>		
<b>NET INTEREST INCOME</b>		<b>\$ 241,891</b>			<b>\$ 235,045</b>			<b>\$ 233,417</b>	
<b>INTEREST SPREAD</b>			3.19%			3.27%			3.48%
<b>NET INTEREST MARGIN</b>			3.76%			3.86%			3.94%

- (1) The interest income and the yields on federally nontaxable loans and investment securities are presented on a tax-equivalent basis using the statutory federal income tax rate of 35%.
- (2) The interest income and the yields on state nontaxable loans and investment securities are presented on a tax-equivalent basis using the statutory state income tax rate of 9%.
- (3) Nonaccruing loans are included in the daily average loan amounts outstanding.

The following table sets forth a summary for the periods indicated of the changes in consolidated interest earned and interest paid detailing the amounts attributable to (i) changes in volume (change in the average volume times the prior year's average rate), (ii) changes in rate (change in the average rate times the prior year's average volume), and (iii) changes in rate/volume (change in the average volume times the change in average rate).

	2007 Compared to 2006				2006 Compared to 2005			
	Increase (Decrease) Due to				Increase (Decrease) Due to			
	Volume	Rate	Rate/ Volume	Total	Volume	Rate	Rate/ Volume	Total
Interest income:								
Federal funds sold, securities purchased under agreements to resell and other short-term investments	\$318	\$327	\$55	\$700	\$431	\$346	\$177	\$954
Investment securities:								
Taxable	(3,240)	1,011	(91)	(2,320)	(5,477)	6,460	(632)	351
Tax exempt (1), (2)	(814)	(766)	46	(1,534)	2,437	304	26	2,767
Loans (1),(2),(3)	30,151	11,246	823	42,220	14,789	37,407	1,999	54,195
<b>TOTAL INTEREST INCOME</b>	<b>26,415</b>	<b>11,818</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>39,066</b>	<b>12,180</b>	<b>44,517</b>	<b>1,570</b>	<b>58,267</b>
Interest expense:								
Interest-bearing deposits	\$10,109	\$16,807	\$1,485	\$28,401	\$5,622	\$36,888	\$2,861	\$45,371
Short-term borrowings	(1,219)	2,009	(96)	694	239	11,821	175	12,235
Long-term borrowings	8,032	(3,924)	(983)	3,125	(3,828)	3,222	(361)	(967)
<b>TOTAL INTEREST EXPENSE</b>	<b>16,922</b>	<b>14,892</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>32,220</b>	<b>2,033</b>	<b>51,931</b>	<b>2,675</b>	<b>56,639</b>
<b>NET INTEREST INCOME</b>	<b>\$9,493</b>	<b>(\$3,074)</b>	<b>\$427</b>	<b>\$6,846</b>	<b>\$10,147</b>	<b>(\$7,414)</b>	<b>(\$1,105)</b>	<b>\$1,628</b>

(1) Yields and interest income on federally tax exempt loans and investment securities are computed on a fully tax-equivalent basis using the statutory federal income tax rate of 35%.

(2) Yields and interest income on state tax exempt loans and investment securities are computed on a fully tax-equivalent basis using the statutory state income tax rate of 9%.

(3) Nonaccruing loans are included in the daily average loan amounts outstanding.

### Provision for Credit Losses

United's credit quality continues to be sound, comparing favorably to peer group averages despite an increase in nonperforming loans for the year. Nonperforming loans were \$28.33 million or 0.49% of loans, net of unearned income, at December 31, 2007 compared to \$14.19 million or 0.30% of loans, net of unearned income at December 31, 2006. The increase from year-end 2006 was due largely to nonperforming loans of \$7.32 million added from the former Premier offices, the addition of \$4.68 million of loans to four customers being placed on nonaccrual status as well as the addition of certain residential real estate construction credits originated by a former United loan officer with an outstanding balance of \$2.11 million being either 90-plus days delinquent or on nonaccrual status as of December 31, 2007. The components of nonperforming loans include nonaccrual loans and loans that are contractually past due 90 days or more as to interest or principal, but have not been put on a nonaccrual basis.

At year-end 2007, nonaccrual loans were \$14.12 million, a net increase of \$8.36 million or 145.26% from \$5.76 million at year-end 2006. Significant additions as of year-end 2007 were \$5.15 million of nonaccrual loans from the former Premier offices, \$4.68 million of nonaccrual loans to the four customers mentioned above and \$1.44 million of residential real estate

construction credits originated by the former United loan officer mentioned above. Loans past due 90 days or more were \$14.21 million at December 31, 2007, a net increase of \$5.78 million or 68.53% from \$8.43 million at year-end 2006. Premier added \$2.17 million in loans past due 90 days or more. Otherwise, the additional increase in past due 90 days or more was due mainly to the addition of one commercial credit with an outstanding balance of \$3.45 million at December 31, 2007. The loss potential on these loans has been properly evaluated and allocated in the company's allowance for credit losses. Total nonperforming assets of \$34.69 million, including OREO of \$6.37 million at December 31, 2007, represented 0.43% of total assets at the end of the year which compares favorably to United's most recently reported peer group banking companies' (bank holding companies with total assets between \$5 and \$10 billion) percentage of 0.54%.

Nonperforming assets include nonperforming loans and real estate acquired in foreclosure or other settlement of loans (OREO). Management is not aware of any other significant loans or securities, groups of loans or securities, or segments of the loan or investment portfolio not included below or disclosed elsewhere herein where there are serious doubts as to the ability of the borrowers or issuers to comply with the present repayment terms of the debt. The following table summarizes nonperforming assets for the indicated periods.

	December 31				
	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
	(In thousands)				
Nonaccrual loans	\$ 14,115	\$ 5,755	\$ 7,146	\$ 6,352	\$ 7,523
Loans which are contractually past due 90 days or more as to interest or principal, and are still accruing interest	14,210	8,432	6,039	4,425	11,052
Total nonperforming loans	28,325	14,187	13,185	10,777	18,575
Other real estate owned	6,365	4,231	2,941	3,692	3,203
<b>TOTAL NONPERFORMING ASSETS</b>	<b>\$34,690</b>	<b>\$18,418</b>	<b>\$16,126</b>	<b>\$14,469</b>	<b>\$21,778</b>

Loans are designated as impaired when, in the opinion of management, the collection of principal and interest in accordance with the loan contract is doubtful. At December 31, 2007, impaired loans were \$30.95 million, which was a net increase of \$8.99 million or 40.93% from the \$21.96 million in impaired loans at December 31, 2006. Significant additions to impaired loans at year-end 2007 were \$5.15 million from the former Premier offices, \$4.32 million from two large collateralized commercial credits and \$4.27 million from the above mentioned certain residential real estate construction credits. Charge-offs of \$3.24 million were recognized on the real estate construction credits during the year of 2007, which were previously reported as impaired with specific allowances allocated in the company's allowance for credit losses. Based on the current information and events, United believes it is probable that the borrowers will not be able to repay all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreements and therefore, specific allowances in the company's allowance for credit losses have been allocated for all of these loans. For further details on impaired loans, see Note E, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

United maintains an allowance for loan losses and an allowance for lending-related commitments. The combined allowances for loan losses and lending-related commitments are referred to as the allowance for credit losses. At December 31, 2007, the allowance for credit losses was \$58.74 million, compared to \$52.37 million at December 31, 2006. As a percentage of loans, net of unearned income, the allowance for credit losses was 1.01% and 1.09% at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The ratio of the allowance for credit losses to nonperforming loans was 207.4% and 369.2% at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

For the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, the provision for credit losses was \$5.33 million and \$1.44 million, respectively. Net charge-offs were \$6.61 million for the year of 2007 as compared to net charge-offs of \$1.94 million for the year of 2006.

The following table summarizes United's credit loss experience for each of the five years ended December 31:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Balance of allowance for credit losses at beginning of year	\$52,371	\$52,871	\$51,353	\$51,432	\$48,387
Allowance of purchased company at date of acquisition	7,648	---	---	---	3,863
Loans charged off:					
Commercial, financial and agricultural	832	1,060	2,442	1,524	2,677
Real estate	900	778	1,422	1,518	3,365
Real estate construction	4,460	---	---	---	---
Consumer and other	<u>1,546</u>	<u>1,390</u>	<u>2,152</u>	<u>3,497</u>	<u>3,954</u>
TOTAL CHARGE-OFFS	7,738	3,228	6,016	6,539	9,996
Recoveries:					
Commercial, financial and agricultural	297	505	677	387	706
Real estate	376	374	778	1,080	601
Real estate construction	10	---	---	---	---
Consumer and other	<u>450</u>	<u>412</u>	<u>461</u>	<u>596</u>	<u>396</u>
TOTAL RECOVERIES	<u>1,133</u>	<u>1,291</u>	<u>1,916</u>	<u>2,063</u>	<u>1,703</u>
NET LOANS CHARGED OFF	6,605	1,937	4,100	4,476	8,293
Provision for credit losses	<u>5,330</u>	<u>1,437</u>	<u>5,618</u>	<u>4,520</u>	<u>7,475</u>
BALANCE OF ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT LOSSES AT END OF YEAR	58,744	52,371	52,871	51,476	51,432
Less: Balance of allowance for credit losses, discontinued operations	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>(123)</u>	<u>(123)</u>
BALANCE OF ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT LOSSES AT END OF YEAR, CONTINUING OPERATIONS	<u>\$58,744</u>	<u>\$52,371</u>	<u>\$52,871</u>	<u>\$51,353</u>	<u>\$51,309</u>
Loans outstanding at the end of period (gross), continuing operations (1)	\$5,800,561	\$4,813,708	\$4,656,522	\$4,424,702	\$3,960,637
Average loans outstanding during period (net of unearned income) (1)	\$5,149,430	\$4,726,758	\$4,493,322	\$4,228,070	\$3,644,296
Net charge-offs as a percentage of average loans outstanding	0.13%	0.04%	0.09%	0.11%	0.23%
Allowance for credit losses, continuing operations as a percentage of nonperforming loans	207.4%	369.2%	401.0%	476.5%	276.2%

(1) Excludes loans held for sale.

United evaluates the adequacy of the allowance for credit losses and its loan administration policies are focused upon the risk characteristics of the loan portfolio. United's process for evaluating the allowance is a formal company-wide process that focuses on early identification of potential problem credits and procedural discipline in managing and accounting for those credits. This process determines the appropriate level of the allowance for credit losses, allocation among loan types and lending-related commitments, and the resulting provision for credit losses.

Allocations are made for specific commercial loans based upon management's estimate of the borrowers' ability to repay and other factors impacting collectibility. Other commercial loans not specifically reviewed on an individual basis are evaluated based on historical loss percentages applied to loan pools that have been segregated by risk. Allocations for loans other than commercial loans are made based upon historical loss experience adjusted for current conditions. The allowance for credit losses includes estimated probable inherent but undetected losses within the portfolio due to uncertainties in economic conditions, delays in obtaining information, including unfavorable information about a borrower's financial condition, the difficulty in identifying triggering events that correlate perfectly to subsequent loss rates, and risk factors that have not yet fully manifested themselves in loss allocation factors. In addition, a portion of the allowance accounts for the inherent imprecision in the allowance for credit losses analysis. Over the past several years, United has grown through acquisition, and accordingly, expanded the geographic area in which it operates. As a result, historical loss experience data used to establish allocation estimates might not precisely correspond to the current portfolio in these other geographic areas.

The following table presents the allocation of United's allowance for credit losses for each of the five years ended December 31:

	<b>December 31</b>				
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
	(In thousands)				
Commercial, financial and agricultural	\$32,957	\$27,512	\$27,053	\$27,356	\$23,458
Real estate	3,058	3,266	6,443	6,404	4,680
Real estate construction	9,169	7,178	2,587	1,961	1,472
Consumer and other	4,166	4,014	5,842	6,179	6,234
Lending related commitments	8,287	8,742	8,733	7,987	9,731
Allowance for estimated imprecision	<u>1,107</u>	<u>1,659</u>	<u>2,213</u>	<u>1,589</u>	<u>5,857</u>
	58,744	52,371	52,871	51,476	51,432
Less: Allowance for credit losses, discontinued operations	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>(123)</u>	<u>(123)</u>
Total	<u>\$58,744</u>	<u>\$52,371</u>	<u>\$52,871</u>	<u>\$51,353</u>	<u>\$51,309</u>

United's formal company-wide process at December 31, 2007 produced increased allocations in three of the four loan categories. The components of the allowance allocated to commercial loans increased by \$5.45 million due the impact of the acquired loans from Premier, increased loan outstandings net of the acquisition, an increase in classified loans and higher specific allocations on impaired loans. Consumer loans increased \$152 thousand also as a result of the acquisition. The real estate construction loan pool allocations rose during year by \$1.99 million primarily due to the acquisition and a new special allocation of \$988 thousand related to the single family residential construction loan pool. The components of the allowance allocated to real estate loans decreased by \$208 thousand due to reductions in high loan to value outstandings, as well as changes in qualitative factors. The unfunded commitments liability decreased by \$455 thousand and stood at \$8.29 million.

An allowance is established for probable credit losses on impaired loans via specific allocations. Nonperforming commercial loans and leases are regularly reviewed to identify impairment. A loan or lease is impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that the bank will not be able to collect all amounts contractually due. Measuring impairment of a loan requires judgment and estimates, and the eventual outcomes may differ from those estimates. Impairment is measured based upon the present value of expected future cash flows from the loan discounted at the loan's effective rate, the loan's observable market price or the fair value of collateral, if the loan is collateral dependent. When the selected measure is less than the recorded investment in the loan, an impairment has occurred. The allowance for impaired loans was \$3.61 million at December 31, 2007 and \$3.00 million at December 31, 2006. Compared to the prior year-end, this element of the allowance increased by \$800 thousand due to the combination of the Premier acquisition and higher specific allocations in the commercial and real estate construction and development loan pools.

An allowance is also recognized for imprecision inherent in loan loss migration models and other estimates of loss. There are many factors affecting the allowance for loan losses and allowance for lending-related commitments; some are quantitative while others require qualitative judgment. Although management believes its methodology for determining the allowance adequately considers all of the potential factors to identify and quantify probable losses in the portfolio, the process includes subjective elements and is therefore susceptible to change. This estimate for imprecision has been established to recognize the variance, within a reasonable margin, of the loss estimation process. The estimate for imprecision decreased at December 31, 2007 by \$552 thousand to \$1.11 million. This represents only 1.88% of the bank's total allowance for credit loss and in as much as this variance approximates a pre determined narrow parameter, the methodology has confirmed that the Bank's allowance for credit loss is at an appropriate level.

Management believes that the allowance for credit losses of \$58.74 million at December 31, 2007 is adequate to provide for probable losses on existing loans and lending-related commitments based on information currently available.

Management is not aware of any potential problem loans, trends or uncertainties that it reasonably expects will materially impact future operating results, liquidity, or capital resources which have not been disclosed. Additionally, management has disclosed all known material credits that cause management to have serious doubts as to the ability of such borrowers to comply with the loan repayment schedules.

### **Other Income**

Other income consists of all revenues, which are not included in interest and fee income related to earning assets. Noninterest income has been and will continue to be an important factor for improving United's profitability. Recognizing the importance, management continues to evaluate areas where noninterest income can be enhanced. Noninterest income was \$57.75 million for the year of 2007, up \$8.72 million or 17.78% from the year of 2006.

Included in total noninterest income for the year of 2007 was an \$8.11 million before-tax loss on the termination of interest rate swaps associated with the prepayment of FHLB advances as compared to a before-tax loss of \$4.60 million for the year of 2006. Additionally, United's income from investment security transactions increased \$3.11 million for the year of 2007 as compared to the same period last year as United incurred a net loss on security transactions of \$2.93 million in the first quarter of 2006 due to an other than temporary impairment on approximately \$86 million of low-yielding fixed rate investment securities which United subsequently sold as part of a balance sheet repositioning. Excluding the results of the interest rate swap terminations and investment security transactions, noninterest income for the year of 2007 would have increased \$9.12 million or 16.06% from the year of 2006.

The rise in noninterest income in the year of 2007 from the same period in 2006 was due in large part to an increase of \$4.76 million or 16.36% in fees from deposit services mainly as a result of United's High Performance Checking program and the Premier acquisition. In particular, insufficient funds (NSF) fees and check card fees increased \$3.67 million or 23.37% and \$1.27 million or 38.24%, respectively, for the year of 2007 as compared to the same period in 2006. Partially offsetting these increases were decreases in deposit service charges and account analysis fees of \$311 thousand and \$231 thousand, respectively.

Trust income and brokerage commissions increased \$2.47 million or 19.05% due to a greater volume of business and a larger customer base. United continues its efforts to broaden the scope and activity of its trust and brokerage service areas, especially in the northern Virginia market, to provide additional sources of fee income that complement United's traditional banking products and services. The northern Virginia market provides a relatively large number of potential customers with high per capita incomes.

Mortgage banking income decreased \$328 thousand or 38.36% due to fewer mortgage loan sales in the secondary market during the year of 2007 as compared to 2006. Mortgage loan sales were \$38.19 million in 2007 as compared to \$53.39 million in 2006. For the year 2007, income from bank owned life insurance policies increased \$967 thousand or 21.87% due mainly to an increase in cash surrender value while fees from bankcard transactions increased \$712 thousand or 13.32% due to increased volume compared to the year of 2006.

Other income increased \$392 thousand or 15.04% for the year of 2007 as compared to last year's income during the same period. Income from the outsourcing of official checks processing for the year of 2007 increased \$467 thousand over the same period last year.

## **Other Expense**

Just as management continues to evaluate areas where noninterest income can be enhanced, it strives to improve the efficiency of its operations to reduce costs. Other expense includes all items of expense other than interest expense, the provision for credit losses and income tax expense. Noninterest expense for the year of 2007 was \$147.93 million, an increase of \$10.76 million or 7.84% from the year of 2006. Results for the year of 2007 included merger expenses and related integration costs of the Premier acquisition of \$1.48 million. Results for the year of 2007 and 2006 both included penalties to prepay FHLB advances. United incurred before-tax penalties of \$5.12 million and \$8.26 million to prepay FHLB advances during the year of 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Salaries and benefits expense for the year of 2007 increased \$2.46 million or 3.95% from the year of 2006. Salaries increased \$4.23 million or 8.77% due mainly to the additional employees from the Premier merger while benefits expense decreased \$1.77 million or 14.21% due to a decrease of \$2.55 million in pension expense. During the third quarter of 2006, United made a significant contribution to its pension plan as allowed by the Pension Protection Act of 2006. This large contribution resulted in decreased pension expense for United in the year 2007 as compared to 2006.

Net occupancy expense increased \$1.87 million or 14.94% for the year of 2007 as compared to the year of 2006. The higher net occupancy expense for 2007 was due mainly to increases in building depreciation of \$609 thousand, building rental expense of \$386 thousand, and real property taxes of \$268 thousand from branches added in the Premier merger. Building maintenance expense increased \$239 thousand.

Equipment expense increased \$652 thousand or 10.20% for the year of 2007 as compared to the year of 2006. The increase from 2006 was due mainly to a \$685 thousand increase in OREO costs due to a higher level of foreclosed real estate properties during 2007 and a \$198 thousand gain on the sale of an OREO property during the second quarter of 2006.

Data processing expense increased \$2.58 million or 42.60% for the year of 2007 as compared to the year of 2006. The increase was primarily due to additional outsourcing of processing functions and a change in processing procedures in addition to the Premier merger. The outsourcing of functions was partially offset by a reduction in personnel expense while the change in processing procedures is expected to result in future cost savings as United meets the requirements of Check 21.

Bankcard processing fees increased \$514 thousand or 11.09% due to increased transactions for the year of 2007 as compared to last year.

Other expenses increased \$5.81 million or 15.73% for the year of 2007 as compared to the year of 2006. Included in other expenses for 2007 are merger and related integration costs of \$1.48 million for the Premier acquisition. In addition, amortization of core deposit intangibles for the year of 2007 increased \$981 thousand from the same time period in 2006 due to the Premier merger. Other expenses of note that increased for the year of 2007 from last year's results were business franchise taxes of \$689 thousand, loan collection expense of \$676 thousand, ATM processing costs of \$549 thousand, postage costs of \$531 thousand, and stationary and supplies expense of \$457 thousand. Marketing and related costs of United's High Performance Checking program declined \$619 thousand in the year of 2007 as compared to the year of 2006.

As discussed in Note N of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this document, United adopted SFAS 123R on January 1, 2006 using the modified prospective transition method. SFAS 123R requires the measurement of all employee share-based payments to employees, including grants of employee stock options, using a fair-value based method and the recording of such expense in our consolidated statements of income. Under this transition method, compensation cost to be recognized beginning in the first quarter of 2006 would include: (a) compensation cost for all share-based payments granted prior to, but not yet vested as of January 1, 2006, based on the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the original provisions of SFAS 123, and (b) compensation cost for all share-based payments granted subsequent to January 1, 2006, based on the grant-date fair value estimated in accordance with the provisions of SFAS 123R. Results for prior periods were not restated. Due to a modification on December 30, 2005 to accelerate unvested options under

United's existing stock option plans, United did not recognize any compensation cost for 2005. Prior to January 1, 2006, United accounted for its stock option plans under the intrinsic value method. Because the exercise price at the date of the grant was equal to the market value of the stock, no compensation expense was recognized.

At the Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on May 15, 2006, the United shareholders approved the 2006 Stock Option Plan and thus, became effective upon the shareholders' approval. In the year of 2007, 244,550 options were granted under the 2006 Stock Option Plan resulting in recognition of compensation expense of \$91 thousand for the year of 2007 which is included in salaries and employee benefits expense in the Consolidated Statements of Income. No options were granted in 2006; therefore, no compensation expense was recognized for the year of 2006. A Form S-8 was filed on October 25, 2006 with the Securities and Exchange Commission to register all the shares available for the 2006 Stock Option Plan.

United's efficiency ratio was 48.01% for the year of 2007 as compared to 46.93% for the year of 2006.

### **Income Taxes**

For the year ended December 31, 2007, income taxes were \$39.24 million, compared to \$40.77 million for 2006. For the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, United's effective tax rates were 30.2% and 31.4%, respectively. For further details related to income taxes, see Note L, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

### **Quarterly Results**

The first quarter of 2007 showed an increase in diluted earnings per share in comparison to the same respective quarter of 2006. Net income for the first quarter of 2007 was \$24.41 million or \$0.59 per diluted share basis compared to \$24.61 million or \$0.58 per diluted share in 2006. For the second quarter of 2007, net income was \$24.51 million or \$0.60 per share compared to \$25.46 million or \$0.60 per diluted share in 2006. In the third quarter of 2007, earnings were \$25.80 million or \$0.60 per diluted share as compared to \$14.17 million or \$0.34 per diluted share in the third quarter of 2006. The results for the third quarter of 2006 included significant before-tax penalties of \$15.92 million to prepay certain long-term debt.

Fourth quarter of 2007 net income was \$15.95 million or \$0.37 per diluted share as compared to \$25.02 million or \$0.60 per diluted share in the fourth quarter of 2006. During the fourth quarter of 2007, United prepaid certain FHLB long-term advances in the amount of \$380.0 million and terminated an interest rate swap associated with one of the advances. The prepayment of the FHLB advances resulted in before-tax penalties of approximately \$4.33 million. The termination of the interest rate swap resulted in a before-tax loss of approximately \$8.90 million.

Tax-equivalent net interest income for the fourth quarter of 2007 was \$64.99 million, an increase of \$6.88 million or 11.85% from the fourth quarter of 2006. This increase in tax-equivalent net interest income was primarily attributable to a \$960.12 million or 15.95% increase in average earning assets resulting primarily from the Premier acquisition. The average yield on earning assets for the fourth quarter of 2007 was flat from the fourth quarter of 2006 while the average cost of funds increased 3 basis points. The net interest margin for the fourth quarter of 2007 was 3.71%, down 14 basis points from a net interest margin of 3.85% for the fourth quarter of 2006.

For the fourth quarter of 2007, the provision for credit losses was \$2.58 million, an increase of \$2.31 million from the fourth quarter's provision of \$268 thousand in 2006. Net charge-offs were \$2.45 million for the fourth quarter of 2007 as compared to \$433 thousand for the fourth quarter of 2006. The increase in net charge-offs for the fourth quarter of 2007 was due mainly to charge-offs of \$944 thousand to one mortgage customer and \$215 thousand related to the certain previously mentioned residential real estate construction credits.

Noninterest income for the fourth quarter of 2007 was \$8.98 million, a decrease of \$5.75 million from the fourth quarter of 2006. The decrease was mainly due to a before-tax loss of approximately \$8.90 million during the quarter on the termination of an interest rate swap associated with the prepayment of a FHLB advance. Excluding the amounts associated with the interest rate swap termination and security transactions, noninterest income for the fourth quarter of 2007 would have increased \$3.61 million or 24.31% from the fourth quarter of 2006. This increase primarily resulted from an increase in fees from deposit services of \$2.20 million or 29.31% due mainly to the High Performance Checking program and the Premier acquisition. In addition, revenue from trust and brokerage services grew \$1.23 million or 39.66% for the fourth quarter of 2007 due to increased volume.

Noninterest expense for the fourth quarter of 2007 was \$44.92 million, an increase of \$12.31 million from the fourth quarter of 2006. Included in the results for the fourth quarter of 2007 were before-tax penalties of approximately \$4.33 million to prepay FHLB advances. Excluding the prepayment penalties on FHLB advances, noninterest expense would have increased \$7.98 million or 24.46% as salaries and employee benefits expense increased \$2.42 million, net occupancy expense increased \$939 thousand and core deposits amortization increased \$644 thousand due mainly to the Premier merger. Data processing expense increased \$611 thousand due to the outsourcing of functions, a change in processing procedures as well as the Premier merger. Several other general operating expenses increased due primarily to the Premier merger, none of which were individually significant.

Additional quarterly financial data for 2007 and 2006 may be found in Note U, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

### **The Effect of Inflation**

United's income statements generally reflect the effects of inflation. Since interest rates, loan demand and deposit levels are impacted by inflation, the resulting changes in the interest-sensitive assets and liabilities are included in net interest income. Similarly, operating expenses such as salaries, rents and maintenance include changing prices resulting from inflation. One item that would not reflect inflationary changes is depreciation expense. Subsequent to the acquisition of depreciable assets, inflation causes price levels to rise; therefore, historically presented dollar values do not reflect this inflationary condition. With inflation levels at relatively low levels and monetary and fiscal policies being implemented to keep the inflation rate increases within an acceptable range, management expects the impact of inflation would continue to be minimal in the near future.

### **The Effect of Regulatory Policies and Economic Conditions**

United's business and earnings are affected by the monetary and fiscal policies of the United States government, its agencies and various other governmental regulatory authorities. The Federal Reserve Board regulates the supply of money in order to influence general economic conditions. Among the instruments of monetary policy available to the Federal Reserve Board are (i) conducting open market operations in United States government obligations, (ii) changing the discount rate on financial institution borrowings, (iii) imposing or changing reserve requirements against financial institution deposits, and (iv) restricting certain borrowings and imposing or changing reserve requirements against certain borrowings by financial institutions and their affiliates. These methods are used in varying degrees and combinations to affect directly the availability of bank loans and deposits, as well as the interest rates charged on loans and paid on deposits.

United's business and earnings are also affected by general and local economic conditions. During the third quarter of 2007, certain credit markets experienced difficult conditions and volatility. Downturns in the credit market can cause a decline in the value of certain loans and securities, a reduction in liquidity and a tightening of credit. A downturn in the credit market often signals a weakening economy that can cause job losses and thus distress on borrowers and their ability to repay loans. Uncertainties in credit markets and the economy present significant challenges for the financial services industry.

Regulatory policies and economic conditions have had a significant effect on the operating results of financial institutions in the past and are expected to continue to do so in the future; however, United cannot accurately predict the nature, timing or extent of any effect such policies or economic conditions may have on its future business and earnings.

## Contractual Obligations, Commitments, Contingent Liabilities and Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

United has various financial obligations, including contractual obligations and commitments, that may require future cash payments. The table below presents, by payment date, significant known contractual obligations to third parties as of December 31, 2007:

(In thousands)	Total	Total Payments Due by Period			
		One Year or Less	One to Three Years	Three to Five Years	Over Five Years
Deposits without a stated maturity (1)	\$2,838,487	\$2,838,487	---	---	---
Time deposits (2) (3)	2,615,966	1,907,326	\$571,310	\$114,408	\$ 22,922
Short-term borrowings (2)	1,036,164	1,036,164	---	---	---
Long-term borrowings (2) (3)	1,220,043	147,286	473,846	40,034	558,877
Operating leases	31,214	6,950	10,970	7,175	6,119

(1) Excludes interest.

(2) Includes interest on both fixed and variable rate obligations. The interest associated with variable rate obligations is based upon interest rates in effect at December 31, 2007. The interest to be paid on variable rate obligations is affected by changes in market interest rates, which materially affect the contractual obligation amounts to be paid.

(3) Excludes carrying value adjustments such as unamortized premiums or discounts.

On January 1, 2007, United adopted the provisions of FIN 48. As of December 31, 2007, United recorded a liability for uncertain tax positions, including interest and penalties, of \$5.95 million in accordance with FIN 48. This liability represents an estimate of tax positions that United has taken in its tax returns which may ultimately not be sustained upon examination by tax authorities. Since the ultimate amount and timing of any future cash settlements cannot be predicted with reasonable certainty, this estimated liability is excluded from the contractual obligations table.

United also enters into derivative contracts, mainly to protect against adverse interest rate movements on the value of certain assets or liabilities, under which it is required to either pay cash to or receive cash from counterparties depending on changes in interest rates. Derivative contracts are carried at fair value and not notional value on the consolidated balance sheet. Because the derivative contracts recorded on the balance sheet at December 31, 2007 do not represent the amounts that may ultimately be paid under these contracts, they are excluded from the preceding table. Further discussion of derivative instruments is included in Note P, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

United is a party to financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of its customers. These financial instruments include loan commitments and standby letters of credit. United's maximum exposure to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the counterparty to the financial instrument for the loan commitments and standby letters of credit is the contractual or notional amount of those instruments. United uses the same policies in making commitments and conditional obligations as it does for on-balance sheet instruments. Since many of the commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements.

The following tables detail the amounts of significant commitments and letters of credit as of December 31, 2007:

(In thousands)	<u>Amount</u>
Commitments to extend credit:	
Revolving open-end secured by 1-4 residential	\$590,155
Credit card and personal revolving lines	846,429
Commercial	<u>509,234</u>
Total unused commitments	<u>\$1,945,818</u>
Financial standby letters of credit	\$75,467
Performance standby letters of credit	68,847
Commercial letters of credit	<u>1,580</u>
Total letters of credit	<u>\$145,894</u>

Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses, generally within one year, and may require the payment of a fee. Further discussion of commitments is included in Note O, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

### Liquidity

In the opinion of management, United maintains liquidity that is sufficient to satisfy its depositors' requirements and the credit needs of its customers. Like all banks, United depends upon its ability to renew maturing deposits and other liabilities on a daily basis and to acquire new funds in a variety of markets. A significant source of funds available to United is "core deposits." Core deposits include certain demand deposits, statement and special savings and NOW accounts. These deposits are relatively stable and they are the lowest-cost source of funds available to United. To help attract these lower cost deposits, United introduced its High Performance Checking program during the first quarter of 2006. Short-term borrowings have also been a significant source of funds. These include federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase as well as advances from the FHLB. Repurchase agreements represent funds that are obtained as the result of a competitive bidding process.

Liquid assets are cash and those items readily convertible to cash. All banks must maintain sufficient balances of cash and near-cash items to meet the day-to-day demands of customers and United's cash needs. Other than cash and due from banks, the available for sale securities portfolio and maturing loans are the primary sources of liquidity.

The goal of liquidity management is to ensure the ability to access funding that enables United to efficiently satisfy the cash flow requirements of depositors and borrowers and meet United's cash needs. Liquidity is managed by monitoring funds availability from a number of primary sources. Substantial funding is available from cash and cash equivalents, unused short-term borrowings, and a geographically dispersed network of branches providing access to a diversified and substantial retail deposit market.

Short-term needs can be met through a wide array of outside sources such as correspondent and downstream correspondent federal funds and utilization of Federal Home Loan Bank advances.

Other sources of liquidity available to United to provide long-term as well as short-term funding alternatives, in addition to FHLB advances, are long-term certificates of deposit, lines of credit, borrowings that are secured by bank premises or stock of United's subsidiaries and issuances of trust preferred securities. In the normal course of business, United through its Asset Liability Committee evaluates these as well as other alternative funding strategies that may be utilized to meet short-term and long-term funding needs. See Notes J and K, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Cash flows provided by operations in 2007 were \$81.46 million which was comparable to the \$89.40 million of cash provided by operations during 2006. In 2007, net cash of \$363.23 million was used in investing activities as compared to net

cash of \$64.80 million being provided by investing activities in 2006. In 2007, net cash used for purchases of investment securities exceeded net proceeds from sales, calls and maturities of investment securities by \$83.82 million while net cash of \$35.78 million was paid for the acquisition of Premier and net cash of \$240.58 million was used for loan growth. In 2006, investing activities provided cash of \$64.80 million mainly as a result of net cash received of \$228.34 million for excess net proceeds from sales, calls and maturities of investment securities over purchases which was partially offset by loan growth of \$160.42 million. For the year of 2007, net cash of \$253.41 million was provided by financing activities due primarily to an increase in borrowings of \$515.41 million which more than offset a decline in deposits of \$195.05 million. Cash used for financing activities in 2007 included payment of \$46.42 million and \$24.89 million, respectively, for cash dividends and acquisitions of United shares under the stock repurchase program. For the year of 2006, net cash of \$103.15 million was used in financing activities due primarily to the net repayment of long-term FHLB borrowings and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in the amounts of \$52.14 million and \$64.75 million, respectively. Additional cash used in financing activities in 2006 included \$45.07 million for payment of cash dividends and \$47.61 million for acquisitions of United shares under the stock repurchase program. Cash provided by financing activities included growth in deposits of \$210.74 million and an increase in federal funds purchased of \$36.35 million. The net effect of the cash flow activities was a decrease in cash and cash equivalents of \$28.36 million for the year of 2007 as compared to an increase in cash and cash equivalents of \$51.05 million for the year of 2006. See the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows in the Consolidated Financial Statements.

United anticipates it can meet its obligations over the next 12 months and has no material commitments for capital expenditures. There are no known trends, demands, commitments, or events that will result in or that are reasonably likely to result in United's liquidity increasing or decreasing in any material way. United also has lines of credit available. See Notes J and K, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for more detail regarding the amounts available to United under line of credit.

The Asset Liability Committee monitors liquidity to ascertain that a liquidity position within certain prescribed parameters is maintained. No changes are anticipated in the policies of United's Asset and Liability Committee.

### **Capital Resources**

United's capital position is financially sound. United seeks to maintain a proper relationship between capital and total assets to support growth and sustain earnings. United has historically generated attractive returns on shareholders' equity. Based on regulatory requirements, United and its banking subsidiaries are categorized as "well capitalized" institutions. United's risk-based capital ratios of 10.76% at December 31, 2007 and 11.15% at December 31, 2006, were both significantly higher than the minimum regulatory requirements. United's Tier 1 capital and leverage ratios of 9.72% and 8.47%, respectively, at December 31, 2007, are also well above minimum regulatory requirements. Being classified as a "well-capitalized" institution allows United to have special regulatory consideration in various areas. See Note S, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Total year-end 2007 shareholders' equity increased \$127.11 million or 20.05% to \$761.20 million from \$634.09 million at December 31, 2006. United's equity to assets ratio was 9.52% at December 31, 2007 as compared to 9.44% at December 31, 2006. The primary capital ratio, capital and reserves to total assets and reserves, was 10.18% at December 31, 2007, as compared to 10.14% at December 31, 2006. United's average equity to average asset ratio was 9.83% and 9.67% for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. All these financial measurements reflect a financially sound position.

During the fourth quarter of 2007, United's Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.29 per share. Dividends per share of \$1.13 for the year of 2007 represented a 4% increase over the \$1.09 per share paid for 2006. Total cash dividends declared to common shareholders were approximately \$47.45 million for the year of 2007 as compared to \$45.22 million for the year of 2006, an increase of 4.92%. The year 2007 was the thirty-fourth consecutive year of dividend increases to United shareholders.

During the second quarter of 2006, United's Board of Directors approved a new Stock Repurchase Plan (Repurchase Plan) to repurchase up to 1.7 million shares of United's common stock on the open market effective upon completion of the 2004 repurchase plan. The timing, price and quantity of purchases under the Repurchase Plan will be at the discretion of management, and the plan may be discontinued, suspended, or restarted at any time depending on the facts and

circumstances. The Repurchase Plan, depending on market conditions provides capital management opportunities. Shares purchased under the plan will be available to fund employee benefit programs as well as for a variety of other corporate purposes. For the year of 2007, United repurchased 718,500 shares under this Repurchase Plan approved by its Board of Directors in 2006.

The following table shows selected consolidated operating and capital ratios for each of the last three years ended December 31:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Return on average assets	1.28%	1.34%	1.55%
Return on average equity	12.99%	13.90%	15.66%
Dividend payout ratio	52.33%	50.67%	44.39%
Average equity to average assets ratio	9.83%	9.67%	9.92%

## 2006 COMPARED TO 2005

### FINANCIAL CONDITION SUMMARY

United's total assets as of December 31, 2006 were \$6.72 billion, a decrease of \$10.89 million or less than 1% from year-end 2005.

The slight decrease in total assets was primarily due to a \$226.50 million or 15.08% decrease investment securities. Securities available for sale decreased \$211.45 million or 16.59% while securities held to maturity declined \$15.05 million, which was a decrease of 6.62%. Partially offsetting the decrease in investment securities were increases in portfolio loans of \$156.92 million or 3.37%, cash and cash equivalents of \$51.05 million or 24.55% and other assets of \$7.51 million or 4.41%. The increase in portfolio loans for 2006 was primarily attributable to increased production in construction loans, commercial real estate loans and commercial loans (not secured by real estate) of \$175.77 million or 50.61%, \$19.91 million or 1.77% and \$19.24 million or 2.06%, respectively. Consumer loans declined \$30.19 million or 7.94%. In addition, cash and cash equivalents increased \$51.05 million or 24.55%. Of this total increase, cash and due from banks increased \$28.59 million, interest-bearing deposits with other banks increased \$13.05 million and federal funds sold increased \$9.42 million. During the year of 2006, net cash of \$89.40 million and \$64.80 million was provided by operating activities and investing activities, respectively. Net cash of \$103.15 million was used in financing activities. Other assets increased \$7.51 million or 4.41% from year-end 2005 due mainly to a \$12.04 million increase in the net pension asset as a result of a \$26.64 million contribution during the third quarter of 2006, which was substantially reduced by an adjustment of \$13.22 million to initially adopt Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 158 (SFAS 158), Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans" to properly reflect the funded status of United's Pension Plan. In addition, the value of cash surrender life insurance policies increased \$4.42 million. Partially offsetting these increases was a decline in deferred tax assets of \$5.36 million, a decline of \$2.06 million in derivative assets and a drop of \$1.89 million in deposit intangibles.

The decrease in total assets is reflected in a corresponding decrease in total liabilities of \$9.78 million. The decrease in total liabilities was due mainly to a reduction of \$145 million or 54.72% and \$44.92 million or 9.79% in overnight Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) borrowings and long-term FHLB advances, respectively. In addition, securities sold under agreements to repurchase decreased \$64.75 million or 12.32% during the year of 2006. Partially offsetting these decreases was an increase of \$36.35 million or 59.23% in federal funds purchased and an increase in deposits of \$210.74 million or 4.56% from year-end 2005. In terms of composition, noninterest-bearing deposits decreased \$56.47 million while interest-bearing deposits increased \$267.21 million from December 31, 2005. Borrowings decreased \$222.69 million or 15.86% during the year of 2006.

Shareholders' equity decreased \$1.11 million or less than 1% from year-end 2005 as United continued to balance capital adequacy and returns to shareholders. The slight decrease in shareholders' equity was due mainly to a rise in treasury stock of \$36.21 million due to repurchases of United shares by the Company, a decline in surplus of \$3.69 million due to the exercise of stock options and a \$5.24 million decline in accumulated other comprehensive income due primarily to a \$8.01 million, net of deferred income taxes, adjustment to adopt SFAS 158 and a decrease of \$1.52 million, net of deferred income taxes, in the

fair value adjustments on cash flow hedges. Partially offsetting these decreases were earnings, net of dividends declared, of \$44.03 million for the year of 2006 and an increase within accumulated other comprehensive income of \$5.20 million, net of deferred income taxes, in the fair value of United's available for sale investment portfolio.

## **EARNINGS SUMMARY**

Net income for the year 2006 was \$89.25 million or \$2.13 per diluted share compared to \$100.41 million or \$2.33 per share for the year of 2005. The results for the year of 2006 included significant before-tax charges totaling \$15.92 million to prepay certain long-term debt.

During the third quarter of 2006, United prepaid certain Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) long-term advances in the amount of \$200 million and terminated an interest rate swap associated with one of the advances. The prepayment of the FHLB advances resulted in before-tax penalties of approximately \$8.26 million. The termination of the interest rate swap resulted in a before-tax loss of approximately \$7.66 million. United's management believed that the prepayment of these borrowings and the termination of the interest rate swap will improve United's future net interest margin and enhance future earnings.

United's return on average assets for the year of 2006 was 1.34% and return on average shareholders' equity was 13.90% as compared to 1.55% and 15.66%, respectively, for the year of 2005.

Tax-equivalent net interest income for the year of 2006 was \$235.05 million, an increase of \$1.63 million or less than 1% from the year of 2005. The provision for credit losses was \$1.44 million for the year 2006 as compared to \$5.62 million for the year of 2005.

Noninterest income was \$49.03 million for the year of 2006, down \$3.59 million or 6.83% when compared to the year of 2005. Included in total noninterest income for the year of 2006 was a net before-tax loss of \$4.60 million on the termination of interest rate swaps associated with the prepayment of FHLB advances in the first and third quarters of 2006. As previously mentioned, during the third quarter of 2006, United incurred a before-tax loss of approximately \$7.66 million to terminate an interest rate swap associated with the prepayment of a FHLB advance. During the first quarter of 2006, as part of a balance sheet repositioning strategy, United terminated an interest rate swap associated with the repayment of a FHLB advance that was being hedged. United recognized a \$3.06 million before-tax gain on the termination of that swap. In addition, United's income from investment security transactions declined \$3.87 million for the year of 2006 as compared to the year of 2005 as United incurred a net loss on security transactions of \$2.93 million in the first quarter of 2006 due to an other-than-temporary impairment on approximately \$86 million of low-yielding fixed rate investment securities that United subsequently sold as part of the balance sheet repositioning. Excluding the results of investment security transactions and interest rate swap terminations, noninterest income for the year of 2006 would have increased \$4.88 million or 9.39% from the year of 2005.

Noninterest expense increased \$16.01 million or 13.22% for the year of 2006 when compared to 2005. The increase was due mainly to an increase of \$7.86 million in before-tax penalties to prepay FHLB advances. Excluding the prepayment penalties, noninterest expense for the year of 2006 would have increased \$8.16 million or 6.76% from the year of 2005.

United's effective tax rate was approximately 31.4% and 31.5% for years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively, as compared to 29.1% for 2004.

The following discussion explains in more detail the results of operations by major category.

### **Net Interest Income**

Net interest income represents the primary component of United's earnings. It is the difference between interest income from earning assets and interest expense incurred to fund these assets. Net interest income is impacted by changes in the volume and mix of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, as well as changes in market interest rates. Such changes, and their impact on net interest income in 2006, are summarized below.

Tax-equivalent net interest income for the year of 2006 was \$235.05 million, an increase of \$1.63 million or less than 1% from the year of 2005. The net interest margin for the year of 2006 was 3.86%, down 8 basis points from a net interest margin of 3.94% during the same period in 2005.

Tax-equivalent interest income for the year of 2006 was \$416.14 million, a \$58.27 million or 16.29% increase from the year of 2005 as the average yield on earning assets for year of 2006 increased 80 basis points from the year of 2005 due to higher interest rates. In addition, average earning assets increased \$156.67 million or 2.64% due to average loan growth of \$232.54 million or 5.22%. Partially offsetting the loan growth was an \$89.83 million or 6.22% decline in average investments. For the year of 2006, interest income from United's asset securitization increased \$580 thousand from the same period in 2005.

Interest expense for the year of 2006 was \$181.09 million, an increase of \$56.64 million or 45.51% from the year of 2005. The increase in interest expense for the year of 2006 was mainly due to a 101 basis point rise in the average cost of funds from the year of 2005 as a result of the higher interest rates. The average cost of deposits was 3.10% for the year of 2006, up 104 basis points from 2.06% for the year of 2005 while the average cost of short-term borrowing was 4.04% for the year of 2006, an increase of 161 basis points from 2.43% for the year of 2005. A sustained flat yield curve between short-term and long-term interest rates resulted in a lesser increase in yields on earning assets while the upward trend in the general market interest rates resulted in a more significant increase to funding costs.

### **Provision for Credit Losses**

For the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, the provision for credit losses was \$1.44 million and \$5.62 million, respectively. Net charge-offs were \$1.94 million for the year of 2006 as compared to net charge-offs of \$4.10 million for the year of 2005.

At December 31, 2006, the allowance for credit losses was \$52.37 million, compared to \$52.87 million at December 31, 2005. As a percentage of loans, net of unearned income, the allowance for credit losses was 1.09% and 1.14% at December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The ratio of the allowance for credit losses to nonperforming loans was 369.2% and 401.0% at December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

### **Other Income**

Noninterest income was \$49.03 million for the year of 2006, down \$3.59 million or 6.83% from the year of 2005. Included in total noninterest income for the year of 2006 was a \$4.60 million net before-tax loss on the termination of interest rate swaps associated with the prepayment of FHLB advances in the first and third quarters of 2006. Additionally, United incurred a net loss on securities transactions of \$3.18 million during the year of 2006 due mainly to an other-than-temporary impairment charge of \$2.93 million in the first quarter of 2006 on approximately \$86 million of low-yielding fixed rate investment securities which United subsequently sold as part of a balance sheet repositioning. United realized net gains of \$695 thousand on securities transactions during 2005. Excluding the results of investment security transactions and interest rate swap terminations, noninterest income for the year of 2006 would have increased \$4.88 million or 9.39% from the year of 2005.

Trust income and brokerage commissions increased \$1.87 million or 16.83% due to a greater volume of business and a larger customer base.

Service charges, commissions and fees from customer accounts increased \$2.22 million or 6.56% for the year of 2006 as compared to the year 2005. The largest component within this category is fees from deposit services which increased \$1.33 million or 4.79% due mainly to United's High Performance Checking program introduced during the first quarter of 2006.

Mortgage banking income decreased \$200 thousand or 18.96% due to fewer mortgage loan sales in the secondary market during the year of 2006 as compared to 2005. Income from bank owned life insurance policies decreased \$331 thousand or 6.96% while other income increased \$1.33 million or 104.07% for the year of 2006 as compared to last year's income during the same period in 2005. Other income increased as United received additional residual income of \$519 thousand from prior third party asset securitizations and income of \$816 thousand from the outsourcing of its official checks processing which United initiated in 2006.

## **Other Expense**

Noninterest expense for the year of 2006 was \$137.17 million, an increase of \$16.01 million or 13.22% from the year of 2005. This increase in noninterest expense was primarily due to the before-tax penalties of approximately \$8.26 million to prepay \$200 million of FHLB advances during the third quarter of 2006. Excluding these penalties, noninterest expense would have increased \$8.16 million or 6.76% for the year of 2006, compared to the year of 2005. For the year of 2006, the remaining balance of the increase in noninterest expense was mainly due to a \$3.13 million or 5.29% increase in salaries and benefits expense as compared to the same period in 2005. Salaries expense for the year 2006 increased \$1.94 million or 4.06% as a result of the higher base salaries and performance-based commissions. Health care and pension costs increased \$379 thousand or 8.91% and \$411 thousand or 17.56%, respectively, for the year of 2006 as compared to the year of 2005.

The remainder of the increases in noninterest expense for the year of 2006 from the year of 2005 was due primarily to expenses related to United's new High Performance Checking (HPC) program. United incurred marketing and related costs of approximately \$2.73 million during 2006 to launch and promote its High Performance Checking (HPC) program for consumer customers. However, the increased spending is having the desired impact of attracting low cost deposits. Largely due to the High Performance Checking (HPC) initiative, United opened 39,530 new consumer accounts during 2006 as compared to 22,652 new consumer accounts in 2005.

Net occupancy expense increased \$346 thousand or 2.84% for the year of 2006 as compared to the year of 2005. The higher net occupancy expense for 2006 was due mainly to increases in building rent expense and real property taxes.

Equipment expense declined \$640 thousand or 9.10% for the year of 2006 as compared to the year of 2005. The decrease during 2006 was due mainly to a \$198 thousand gain on the sale of an OREO property during the second quarter of 2006 and lower levels of depreciation and maintenance expense.

Data processing expense increased \$441 thousand or 7.84% for year of 2006 as compared to the year of 2005. The increase was primarily due to additional outsourcing of data processing functions.

Bankcard processing fees increased \$905 thousand or 24.27% due to increased transactions for the year of 2006 as compared to the year of 2005.

Other expenses increased \$3.97 million or 12.05% for the year of 2006 as compared to the year of 2005 due primarily to the expenses previously mentioned related to United's new HPC program. In addition, legal and consulting fees, excluding those related to the HPC program, increased \$920 thousand from the same period in 2005. ATM processing fees were up \$260 thousand or 14.28% for the year of 2006 as compared to 2005 due to increased transactions. The remaining increase in all other expenses in the year of 2006 from 2005 was due mainly to increases in several general operating expenses, none of which were individually significant.

United's efficiency ratio was 46.93% for the year of 2006 as compared to 41.45% for the year of 2005.

## **Income Taxes**

For the year ended December 31, 2006, consolidated income taxes were \$40.77 million, compared to \$46.27 million for 2005. For the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, United's effective tax rates were 31.4% and 31.5%, respectively.

## Item 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The objective of United's Asset/Liability Management function is to maintain consistent growth in net interest income within United's policy guidelines. This objective is accomplished through the management of balance sheet liquidity and interest rate risk exposures due to changes in economic conditions, interest rate levels and customer preferences.

### Interest Rate Risk

Management considers interest rate risk to be United's most significant market risk. Interest rate risk is the exposure to adverse changes in United's net interest income as a result of changes in interest rates. United's earnings are largely dependent on the effective management of interest rate risk.

Management of interest rate risk focuses on maintaining consistent growth in net interest income within Board-approved policy limits. United's Asset/Liability Management Committee (ALCO), which includes senior management representatives and reports to the Board of Directors, monitors and manages interest rate risk to maintain an acceptable level of change to net interest income as a result of changes in interest rates. Policy established for interest rate risk is stated in terms of the change in net interest income over a one-year and two-year horizon given an immediate and sustained increase or decrease in interest rates. The current limits approved by the Board of Directors are structured on a staged basis with each stage requiring specific actions.

United employs a variety of measurement techniques to identify and manage its exposure to changing interest rates. One such technique utilizes an earnings simulation model to analyze the sensitivity of net interest income to movements in interest rates. The model is based on actual cash flows and repricing characteristics for on and off-balance sheet instruments and incorporates market-based assumptions regarding the impact of changing interest rates on the prepayment rate of certain assets and liabilities. The model also includes executive management projections for activity levels in product lines offered by United. Assumptions based on the historical behavior of deposit rates and balances in relation to changes in interest rates are also incorporated into the model. Rate scenarios could involve parallel or nonparallel shifts in the yield curve, depending on historical, current, and expected conditions, as well as the need to capture any material effects of explicit or embedded options. These assumptions are inherently uncertain and, as a result, the model cannot precisely measure net interest income or precisely predict the impact of fluctuations in interest rates on net interest income. Actual results will differ from simulated results due to timing, magnitude and frequency of interest rate changes as well as changes in market conditions and management's strategies.

Interest sensitive assets and liabilities are defined as those assets or liabilities that mature or are repriced within a designated time frame. The principal function of managing interest rate risk is to maintain an appropriate relationship between those assets and liabilities that are sensitive to changing market interest rates. The difference between rate sensitive assets and rate sensitive liabilities for specified periods of time is known as the "GAP." Earnings-simulation analysis captures not only the potential of these interest sensitive assets and liabilities to mature or reprice, but also the probability that they will do so. Moreover, earnings-simulation analysis considers the relative sensitivities of these balance sheet items and projects their behavior over an extended period of time. United closely monitors the sensitivity of its assets and liabilities on an on-going basis and projects the effect of various interest rate changes on its net interest margin.

The following table shows United's estimated consolidated earnings sensitivity profile as of December 31, 2007 and 2006:

Change in Interest Rates (basis points)	Percentage Change in Net Interest Income	
	December 31, 2007	December 31, 2006
+ 200	2.37%	3.04%
+100	1.71%	1.50%
-100	-0.60%	-0.76%
- 200	-3.33%	-5.11%

Given an immediate, sustained 100 basis point upward shock to the yield curve used in the simulation model, it is estimated that net interest income for United would increase by 1.71% over one year as of December 31, 2007, as compared to an increase of 1.50% as of December 31, 2006. A 200 basis point immediate, sustained upward shock in the yield curve would increase net interest income by an estimated 2.37% over one year as of December 31, 2007, as compared to an increase of 3.04% as of December 31, 2006. A 100 and 200 basis point immediate, sustained downward shock in the yield curve would

decrease net interest income by an estimated 0.60% and 3.33%, respectively, over one year as of December 31, 2007 as compared to a decrease of 0.76% and 5.11% respectively, over one year as of December 31, 2006.

This analysis does not include the potential increased refinancing activities, which should lessen the negative impact on net income from falling rates. While it is unlikely market rates would immediately move 100 or 200 basis points upward or downward on a sustained basis, this is another tool used by management and the Board of Directors to gauge interest rate risk. All of these estimated changes in net interest income are and were within the policy guidelines established by the Board of Directors.

To further aid in interest rate management, United's subsidiary banks are members of the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB). The use of FHLB advances provides United with a low risk means of matching maturities of earning assets and interest-bearing funds to achieve a desired interest rate spread over the life of the earning assets. In addition, United uses credit with large regional banks and trust preferred securities to provide funding.

As part of its interest rate risk management strategy, United may use derivative instruments to protect against adverse price or interest rate movements on the value of certain assets or liabilities and on future cash flows. These derivatives commonly consist of interest rate swaps, caps, floors, collars, futures, forward contracts, written and purchased options. Interest rate swaps obligate two parties to exchange one or more payments generally calculated with reference to a fixed or variable rate of interest applied to the notional amount. United accounts for its derivative activities in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities."

### **Extension Risk**

A key feature of most mortgage loans is the ability of the borrower to repay principal earlier than scheduled. This is called a prepayment. Prepayments arise primarily due to sale of the underlying property, refinancing, or foreclosure. In general, declining interest rates tend to increase prepayments, and rising interest rates tend to slow prepayments. Like other fixed-income securities, when interest rates rise, the value of mortgage related securities generally declines. The rate of prepayments on underlying mortgages will affect the price and volatility of mortgage-related securities and may shorten or extend the effective maturity of the security beyond what was anticipated at the time of purchase. If interest rates rise, United's holdings of mortgage-related securities may experience reduced returns if the borrowers of the underlying mortgages pay off their mortgages later than anticipated. This is generally referred to as extension risk.

At December 31, 2007, United's mortgage related securities portfolio had an amortized cost of \$846 million, of which approximately \$756 million or 89% were fixed rate collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs). These fixed rate CMOs consisted primarily of planned amortization class (PACs) and accretion directed (VADM)s bonds having an average life of approximately 2.3 years and a weighted average yield of 4.82%, under current projected prepayment assumptions. These securities are expected to have very little extension risk in a rising rate environment. Current models show that given an immediate, sustained upward shock of 300 basis points, the average life of these securities would extend to 2.6 years. The projected price decline of the fixed rate CMO portfolio in rates up 300 basis points would be 6.52%, less than the price decline of a 3 year treasury note. By comparison, the price decline of a 30-year current coupon mortgage backed security (MBS) in rates higher by 300 basis points would be approximately 17%.

United had approximately \$14 million in 30-year mortgage backed securities with a projected yield of 6.63% and a projected average life of 4.2 years on December 31, 2007. These bonds are projected to be good risk/reward securities in stable rates, rates down moderately and rates up moderately due to the high yield and premium book price. However, should rates increase 300 basis points, the average life will extend and these bonds will experience significant price depreciation, but not as significant as current coupon pools.

The remaining 9% of the mortgage related securities portfolio at December 31, 2007, included adjustable rate securities (ARMs), balloon securities, and 10-year and 15-year mortgage backed pass-through securities.

## MANAGEMENT'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Company's internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance to the Company's management and board of directors regarding the preparation and fair presentation of published financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation.

Management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007. In making this assessment, management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in Internal Control – Integrated Framework. Based on our assessment, we believe that, as of December 31, 2007, the Company's internal control over financial reporting is effective based on those criteria.

Ernst & Young LLP, the independent registered public accounting firm who audited the Company's consolidated financial statements has also issued an attestation report on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007. Ernst & Young's report on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting appears on page 44 hereof.



Richard M. Adams, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer



Steven E. Wilson, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Chief Financial Officer

February 25, 2008

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM ON EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

To the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors and the  
Shareholders of United Bankshares, Inc.

We have audited United Bankshares Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007, based on criteria established in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the COSO criteria). United Bankshares Inc.'s management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Report on Management's Assessment of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, United Bankshares, Inc. maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of United Bankshares, Inc. as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the related consolidated statements of income, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2007 of United Bankshares, Inc. and our report dated February 25, 2008 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

*Ernst + Young LLP*

Charleston, West Virginia  
February 25, 2008

**Item 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors and the Shareholders of United Bankshares, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of United Bankshares, Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company) as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the related consolidated statements of income, changes in shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2007. These financial statements are the responsibility of United Bankshares Inc.'s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of United Bankshares, Inc. and subsidiaries at December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of three years in the period ended December 31, 2007, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

As discussed in Note A to the consolidated financial statements, the Company changed its method of accounting for defined benefit pension and other postretirement plans as of December 31, 2006, in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board No. 158, "*Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans.*"

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the effectiveness of United Bankshares Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007, based on criteria established in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated February 25, 2008 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

*Ernst + Young LLP*

Charleston, West Virginia  
February 25, 2008

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
**UNITED BANKSHARES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

(Dollars in thousands, except par value)

	<u>December 31</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>December 31</u> <u>2006</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 211,181	\$ 217,562
Interest-bearing deposits with other banks	1,964	22,882
Federal funds sold	17,506	18,569
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>230,651</u>	<u>259,013</u>
Securities available for sale at estimated fair value (amortized cost- \$1,163,014 at December 31, 2007 and \$1,016,840 at December 31, 2006)	1,156,561	1,010,252
Securities held to maturity (estimated fair value-\$158,165 at December 31, 2007 and \$215,678 at December 31, 2006)	157,228	212,296
Other investment securities	80,975	52,922
Loans held for sale	1,270	2,041
Loans	5,800,561	4,813,708
Less: Unearned income	<u>(7,077)</u>	<u>(6,961)</u>
Loans net of unearned income	5,793,484	4,806,747
Less: Allowance for loan losses	<u>(50,456)</u>	<u>(43,629)</u>
Net loans	5,743,028	4,763,118
Bank premises and equipment	61,680	38,111
Goodwill	312,111	167,421
Accrued interest receivable	38,238	34,508
Other assets	<u>212,997</u>	<u>177,916</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>\$7,994,739</u></u>	<u><u>\$6,717,598</u></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Deposits:</b>		
Noninterest-bearing	\$ 913,427	\$ 903,207
Interest-bearing	4,436,323	3,924,985
Total deposits	<u>5,349,750</u>	<u>4,828,192</u>
<b>Borrowings:</b>		
Federal funds purchased	97,074	97,720
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	499,989	460,858
Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings	1,012,272	533,899
Other short-term borrowings	5,000	3,688
Other long-term borrowings	195,890	85,301
Allowance for lending-related commitments	8,288	8,742
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	<u>65,277</u>	<u>65,106</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	7,233,540	6,083,506
<b>Shareholders' Equity</b>		
Common stock, \$2.50 par value; Authorized-100,000,000 shares; issued- 44,320,832 at December 31, 2007 and 2006, including 1,086,106 and 3,261,931 shares in treasury at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively	110,802	110,802
Surplus	98,405	93,680
Retained earnings	602,185	559,257
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(12,480)	(15,791)
Treasury stock, at cost	<u>(37,713)</u>	<u>(113,856)</u>
<b>TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<u>761,199</u>	<u>634,092</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<u><u>\$7,994,739</u></u>	<u><u>\$6,717,598</u></u>

See notes to consolidated financial statements

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**  
**UNITED BANKSHARES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	<b>Year Ended December 31</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>Interest income</b>			
Interest and fees on loans	\$367,881	\$326,882	\$274,882
Interest on federal funds sold and other short-term investments	2,504	1,804	850
Interest and dividends on securities:			
Taxable	55,054	57,374	57,023
Tax-exempt	13,290	14,623	12,523
Total interest income	<u>438,729</u>	<u>400,683</u>	<u>345,278</u>
<b>Interest expense</b>			
Interest on deposits	146,918	118,517	73,146
Interest on short-term borrowings	30,745	30,051	17,816
Interest on long-term borrowings	35,647	32,522	33,489
Total interest expense	<u>213,310</u>	<u>181,090</u>	<u>124,451</u>
Net interest income	<u>225,419</u>	<u>219,593</u>	<u>220,827</u>
Provision for credit losses	5,330	1,437	5,618
Net interest income after provision for credit losses	<u>220,089</u>	<u>218,156</u>	<u>215,209</u>
<b>Other income</b>			
Fees from trust and brokerage services	15,414	12,948	11,083
Fees from deposit services	33,835	29,077	27,749
Other service charges, commissions, and fees	7,767	6,900	6,013
Income from bank-owned life insurance	5,389	4,422	4,753
Income from mortgage banking	527	855	1,055
Security (losses) gains	(68)	(3,176)	695
(Loss) Gain on termination of interest rate swaps associated with prepayment of FHLB advances	(8,113)	(4,599)	---
Other income	2,998	2,606	1,277
Total other income	<u>57,749</u>	<u>49,033</u>	<u>52,625</u>
<b>Other expense</b>			
Salaries and employee benefits	64,795	62,331	59,197
Net occupancy expense	14,421	12,547	12,201
Equipment expense	7,044	6,392	7,032
Data processing expense	8,650	6,066	5,625
Bankcard processing expense	5,149	4,635	3,730
Prepayment penalties on FHLB advances	5,117	8,261	406
Other expense	42,753	36,941	32,969
Total other expense	<u>147,929</u>	<u>137,173</u>	<u>121,160</u>
Income before income taxes	<u>129,909</u>	<u>130,016</u>	<u>146,674</u>
Income taxes	39,235	40,767	46,265
Net income	<u>\$ 90,674</u>	<u>\$ 89,249</u>	<u>\$ 100,409</u>
<b>Earnings per common share:</b>			
Basic	<u>\$2.16</u>	<u>\$2.15</u>	<u>\$2.36</u>
Diluted	<u>\$2.15</u>	<u>\$2.13</u>	<u>\$2.33</u>
<b>Dividends per common share</b>			
	<u>\$1.13</u>	<u>\$1.09</u>	<u>\$1.05</u>
<b>Average outstanding shares:</b>			
Basic	41,901,422	41,532,121	42,514,445
Diluted	42,222,899	41,942,889	43,024,861

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY**  
**UNITED BANKSHARES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	Common Stock			Retained Earnings	Accumulated	Treasury Stock	Total Shareholders' Equity
	Shares	Par Value	Surplus		Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)		
Balance at January 1, 2005	44,320,832	110,802	99,773	459,393	3,739	(42,200)	631,502
Net income				100,409			100,409
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:							
Change in unrealized gains (losses) on securities available for sale					(16,133)		(16,133)
Change in unrealized loss on securities transferred from the available for sale to the held to maturity investment portfolio					493		493
Change in unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives					1,350		1,350
Total comprehensive income, net of tax							86,119
Stock-based compensation expense			21				21
Purchase of treasury stock (1,177,511 shares)						(41,289)	(41,289)
Distribution of treasury stock for deferred Compensation plan (1,314 shares)						39	39
Common dividends declared (\$1.05 per share)				(44,575)			(44,575)
Common stock options exercised (175,931 shares)			(2,420)			5,803	3,383
Balance at December 31, 2005	44,320,832	110,802	97,374	515,227	(10,551)	(77,647)	635,205
Net income				89,249			89,249
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:							
Change in unrealized gains (losses) on securities available for sale					5,204		5,204
Change in unrealized loss on securities transferred from the available for sale to the held to maturity investment portfolio					436		436
Change in unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives					(2,869)		(2,869)
Total comprehensive income, net of tax							92,024
Purchase of treasury stock (1,304,294 shares)						(48,360)	(48,360)
Distribution of treasury stock for deferred Compensation plan (1,201 shares)						35	35
Common dividends declared (\$1.09 per share)				(45,219)			(45,219)
Common stock options exercised (353,815 shares)			(3,694)			12,116	8,422
Adjustment to initially apply FASB 158, net of tax					(8,011)		(8,011)
Balance at December 31, 2006	44,320,832	110,802	93,680	559,257	(15,791)	(113,856)	634,092
Cumulative effect of adopting FASB Interpretation No. 48 (FIN 48), "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes,							
An interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109, at January 1, 2007				(300)			(300)
Net income				90,674			90,674
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:							
Change in unrealized gains (losses) on securities available for sale					86		86
Change in unrealized loss on securities transferred from the available for sale to the held to maturity investment portfolio					1,027		1,027
Change in unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives					1,946		1,946
Change in accumulated other comprehensive income related to employee benefit plans					252		252
Total comprehensive income, net of tax							93,981
Stock based compensation expense			91				91
Acquisition of Premier Community Bankshares, Inc (2,684,068 shares)			8,443			93,707	102,150
Purchase of treasury stock (751,996 shares)						(25,959)	(25,959)
Distribution of treasury stock for deferred compensation plan (2,541 shares)						76	76
Common dividends declared (\$1.13 per share)				(47,446)			(47,446)
Common stock options exercised (238,671 shares)			(3,809)			8,319	4,510
Balance at December 31, 2007	44,320,832	\$110,802	\$98,405	\$602,185	(\$12,480)	(\$37,713)	\$761,199

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**UNITED BANKSHARES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

(Dollars in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31		
	2007	2006	2005
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES OF CONTINUING OPERATIONS</b>			
Net income from continuing operations	\$90,674	\$89,249	\$100,409
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Provision for credit losses	5,330	1,437	5,618
Depreciation, amortization and accretion	7,754	10,263	13,192
Gain on sales of bank premises, OREO and equipment	(621)	(169)	(33)
Loss on termination of interest rate swap	8,113	4,599	---
Loss (Gain) on securities transactions	68	3,176	(695)
Loans originated for sale	(37,414)	(52,108)	(72,202)
Proceeds from sales of loans	38,715	54,246	73,914
Gain on sales of loans	(530)	(855)	(1,055)
Stock-based compensation	91	---	21
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation arrangements	---	---	441
Deferred income tax (benefit) expense	1,656	9,586	(727)
Contribution to pension plan	---	(26,643)	(4,629)
Amortization of net periodic pension costs	(1,166)	---	---
Changes in:			
Interest receivable	(278)	(2,481)	(4,656)
Other assets	(15,715)	(5,103)	553
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	(15,222)	4,202	2,728
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>81,455</b>	<b>89,399</b>	<b>112,879</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES OF CONTINUING OPERATIONS</b>			
Proceeds from maturities and calls of held to maturity securities	57,466	15,641	6,972
Proceeds from sales of securities held to maturity	475	---	---
Purchases of held to maturity securities	(621)	(639)	(453)
Proceeds from sales of securities available for sale	9,913	151,845	247,354
Proceeds from maturities and calls of securities available for sale	617,307	338,427	211,185
Purchases of securities available for sale	(744,376)	(268,845)	(484,925)
Net purchases of bank premises and equipment	(3,048)	(3,115)	(3,051)
Net cash of acquired subsidiary	(35,778)	---	---
Net change in other investment securities	(23,983)	(8,093)	(887)
Net change in loans	(240,581)	(160,417)	(238,154)
<b>NET CASH (USED IN) PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(363,226)</b>	<b>64,804</b>	<b>(261,959)</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES OF CONTINUING OPERATIONS</b>			
Dividends paid	(46,424)	(45,067)	(44,409)
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation arrangements	914	880	---
Acquisition of treasury stock	(24,889)	(47,607)	(41,289)
Net proceeds from issuance of trust preferred securities	82,475	---	---
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	3,367	7,261	3,233
Distribution of treasury stock for deferred compensation plan	76	35	39
Redemption of debt related to trust preferred securities	(10,310)	(3,093)	---
Repayment of long-term Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings	(305,312)	(252,142)	(133,353)
Proceeds from long-term Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings	414,685	200,000	150,000
Changes in:			
Time deposits	(2,413)	234,108	255,644
Other deposits	(192,635)	(23,368)	64,245
Federal funds purchased, securities sold under agreements to repurchase and other short-term borrowings	333,875	(174,159)	(50,533)
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>253,409</b>	<b>(103,152)</b>	<b>203,577</b>
<b>(DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>(28,362)</b>	<b>51,051</b>	<b>54,497</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>259,013</b>	<b>207,962</b>	<b>153,465</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$230,651</b>	<b>\$259,013</b>	<b>\$207,962</b>

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### UNITED BANKSHARES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

December 31, 2007

#### NOTE A--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Nature of Operations:** United Bankshares, Inc. is a multi-bank holding company headquartered in Charleston, West Virginia. The principal markets of United Bankshares, Inc. and subsidiaries (United) are Parkersburg, Charleston, Huntington, Morgantown and Wheeling, West Virginia; Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William counties, Virginia; Montgomery County, Maryland and Belmont County, Ohio.

**Operating Segments:** United's business activities are confined to one reportable segment which is community banking. As a community banking entity, United offers a full range of products and services through various delivery channels.

**Basis of Presentation:** The consolidated financial statements and the notes to consolidated financial statements include the accounts of United Bankshares, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in the consolidated financial statements.

The accounting and reporting policies of United conform with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates. A description of the significant accounting policies is presented below.

**Cash Flow Information:** United considers cash and due from banks, interest-bearing deposits with other banks and federal funds sold as cash and cash equivalents.

**Securities:** Management determines the appropriate classification of securities at the time of purchase. Debt securities that United has the positive intent and the ability to hold to maturity are carried at amortized cost. Securities to be held for indefinite periods of time and all marketable equity securities are classified as available for sale and carried at estimated fair value. Unrealized gains and losses on securities classified as available for sale are carried as a separate component of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), net of deferred income taxes.

Gains or losses on sales of securities recognized by the specific identification method are reported in securities gains and losses within noninterest income of the Consolidated Statements of Income. United reviews available-for-sale and held-to-maturity securities on a quarterly basis for possible impairment. United determines whether a decline in fair value below the amortized cost basis of a security is other-than-temporary. This determination requires significant judgment. In making this judgment, United's review includes an analysis of the facts and circumstances of each individual investment such as the severity of loss, the length of time the fair value has been below cost, the expectation for that security's performance, the creditworthiness of the issuer, recent changes in external credit ratings and United's intent and ability to hold the security to maturity. Securities on which there is an unrealized loss that is deemed to be other-than-temporary are written down to fair value with the write-down recorded as a realized loss in securities gains and losses within noninterest income of the Consolidated Statements of Income.

Certain security investments that do not have readily determinable fair values and for which United does not exercise significant influence are carried at cost and are classified as other investment securities on the balance sheet. These cost-method investments are reviewed for impairment at least annually or sooner if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

## NOTE A--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – continued

Securities Purchased Under Resale Agreements and Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase: Securities purchased under agreements to resell and securities sold under agreements to repurchase are generally accounted for as collateralized financial transactions. They are recorded at the amounts at which the securities were acquired or sold plus accrued interest. Securities, generally U.S. government and federal agency securities, pledged as collateral under these financing arrangements cannot be repledged or sold, unless replaced, by the secured party. The fair value of the collateral either received from or provided to a third party is continually monitored and additional collateral is obtained or is requested to be returned to United as deemed appropriate.

Loans: Loans are reported at the principal amount outstanding, net of unearned income. Interest on loans is accrued and credited to operations using methods that produce a level yield on individual principal amounts outstanding. Loan origination and commitment fees and related direct loan origination costs are deferred and amortized as an adjustment of loan yield over the estimated life of the related loan. Loan fees included in interest income were \$4,631,000, \$3,566,000 and \$2,802,000 for the years of 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The accrual of interest income on commercial and most consumer loans generally is discontinued when a loan becomes 90 to 120 days past due as to principal or interest. When interest accruals are discontinued, unpaid interest recognized in income in the current year is reversed, and interest accrued in prior years is charged to the allowance for loan losses. Management may elect to continue the accrual of interest when the estimated net realizable value of collateral exceeds the principal balance and accrued interest, and the loan is in the process of collection.

Consistent with United's existing method of income recognition for loans, interest on impaired loans, except those classified as nonaccrual, is recognized as income using the accrual method. United's method of income recognition for impaired loans that are classified as nonaccrual is to recognize interest income on the cash basis or apply the cash receipt to principal when the ultimate collectibility of principal is in doubt.

Loans Held for Sale: Loans held for sale consist of one-to-four family conforming residential loans originated for sale in the secondary market and carried at the lower of cost or fair value determined on an aggregate basis. Gains and losses on sales of loans held for sale are included in mortgage banking income.

Allowance for Credit Losses: United maintains an allowance for loan losses and an allowance for lending-related commitments such as unfunded loan commitments and letters of credit. The combined allowances for loan losses and lending-related commitments are referred to as the allowance for credit losses.

The allowance for credit losses is management's estimate of the probable credit losses inherent in the loan portfolio. Management's evaluation of the adequacy of the allowance for credit losses and the appropriate provision for credit losses is based upon a quarterly evaluation of the portfolio. This evaluation is inherently subjective and requires significant estimates, including the amounts and timing of estimated future cash flows, estimated losses on pools of loans based on historical loss experience, and consideration of current economic trends, all of which are susceptible to constant and significant change. The amounts allocated to specific credits and loan pools grouped by similar risk characteristics are reviewed on a quarterly basis and adjusted as necessary based upon subsequent changes in circumstances. In determining the components of the allowance for credit losses, management considers the risk arising in part from, but not limited to, charge-off and delinquency trends, current economic and business conditions, lending policies and procedures, the size and risk characteristics of the loan portfolio, concentrations of credit, and other various factors. Loans deemed to be uncollectible are charged against the allowance for loan losses, while recoveries of previously charged-off amounts are credited to the allowance for loan losses.

In determining the adequacy of the allowance for credit losses, management makes allocations to specific commercial loans classified by management as to risk. Management determines the loan's risk by considering the borrowers' ability to repay, the collateral securing the credit and other borrower-specific factors that may impact collectibility. For impaired loans, specific allocations are based on the present value of expected future cash flows using the loan's effective interest rate, or as a practical expedient, at the loan's observable market price or the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral-dependent. Other commercial loans not specifically reviewed on an individual basis are evaluated based on loan pools, which are grouped by similar risk characteristics using management's internal risk ratings. Allocations for these commercial loan pools

## NOTE A--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – continued

are determined based upon historical loss experience adjusted for current conditions and risk factors. Allocations for loans, other than commercial loans, are developed by applying historical loss experience adjusted for current conditions and risk factors to loan pools grouped by similar risk characteristics. While allocations are made to specific loans and pools of loans, the allowance is available for all loan losses. Management believes that the allowance for credit losses is adequate to provide for probable losses on existing loans and loan-related commitments based on information currently available.

Asset Securitization: As further discussed in Note D, United previously sold residential mortgage loans in a securitization transaction and retained an interest-only strip, and lower-rated subordinated classes of asset-backed securities, all of which are subordinated interests in the securitized assets. These subordinated interests in securitized assets were recorded at their estimated fair values in securities available for sale. Since quoted market prices were generally not available for subordinated interests, United estimated fair values based on the present value of future expected cash flows using management's best estimates of key assumptions—credit losses, prepayment speeds, forward yield curves, and discount rates commensurate with the risks involved. The carrying value of these securities was fully amortized as of June 30, 2005.

United recognized the excess of all cash flows attributable to the subordinated interests using the effective yield method. However, because the carrying value of United's subordinated interest has been zero since June 30, 2005, the difference between the cash flows associated with these underlying mortgages and amounts owed to third party investors has been recognized in interest income as cash is received by United over the remaining life of the loans.

Bank Premises and Equipment: Bank premises and equipment are stated at cost, less allowances for depreciation and amortization. The provision for depreciation is computed principally by the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets. Useful lives range primarily from three to 15 years for furniture, fixtures and equipment and five to 40 years for buildings and improvements. Leasehold improvements are generally amortized over the lesser of the term of the respective leases or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

Other Real Estate Owned: At December 31, 2007 and 2006, other real estate owned (OREO) included in Other Assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheets was \$6,365,000 and \$4,231,000, respectively. OREO consists of real estate acquired in foreclosure or other settlement of loans. Such assets are carried at the lower of the investment in the assets or the fair value of the assets less estimated selling costs. Any adjustment to the fair value at the date of transfer is charged against the allowance for loan losses. Any subsequent valuation adjustments as well as any costs relating to operating, holding or disposing of the property are recorded in other expense in the period incurred.

Advertising Costs: Advertising costs are generally expensed as incurred. Advertising expense was \$4,089,000, \$4,211,000 and \$3,194,000 for the years of 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively.

Income Taxes: Deferred income taxes (included in other assets) are provided for temporary differences between the tax basis of an asset or liability and its reported amount in the financial statements at the statutory tax rate.

In July 2006, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation (FIN) No. 48 (FIN 48), "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes", to address the noncomparability in reporting tax assets and liabilities resulting from a lack of specific guidance in FASB Statement No. 109 (SFAS 109), "Accounting for Income Taxes", on the uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise's financial statements. United has adopted FIN 48 as of January 1, 2007. The cumulative effect of adopting FIN 48 was recorded in retained earnings. The adoption of FIN 48 did not have a significant impact on United's consolidated financial statements.

Intangible Assets: Intangible assets relating to the estimated value of the deposit base of the acquired institutions are being amortized on an accelerated basis over a one to seven year period. Management reviews intangible assets on an annual basis and evaluates changes in facts and circumstances that may indicate impairment in the carrying value.

## NOTE A--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – continued

Goodwill is not amortized, but is tested for impairment at least annually. Intangible assets with definite useful lives (such as core deposit intangibles) are amortized over their respective estimated useful lives to their estimated residual values, and reviewed for impairment at least annually. United incurred amortization expense of \$2,868,000, \$1,886,000 and \$2,292,000 in 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively, related to all intangible assets. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, total goodwill approximated \$312,111,000 and \$167,421,000, respectively.

Derivative Financial Instruments: United accounts for its derivative financial instruments in accordance with FASB Statement No. 133 (SFAS No. 133), "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities", as amended. SFAS No. 133 requires all derivative instruments to be carried at fair value on the balance sheet. United usually designates derivative instruments to manage interest rate risk as hedge relationships with certain assets, liabilities or cash flows being hedged. Certain derivatives used for interest rate risk management are not designated in a SFAS No. 133 hedge relationship.

Under the provisions of SFAS No. 133, United has both fair value hedges and cash flow hedges as of December 31, 2007. Derivative instruments designated in a hedge relationship to mitigate exposure to changes in the fair value of an asset, liability, or firm commitment attributable to a particular risk, such as interest rate risk, are considered fair value hedges. Derivative instruments designated in a hedge relationship to mitigate exposure to variability in expected future cash flows, or other types of forecasted transactions, are considered cash flow hedges.

For a fair value hedge, the fair value of the interest rate swap is recognized on the balance sheet as either a freestanding asset or liability with a corresponding adjustment to the hedged financial instrument. Subsequent adjustments due to changes in the fair value of a derivative that qualifies as a fair value hedge are offset in current period earnings. For a cash flow hedge, the fair value of the interest rate swap is recognized on the balance sheet as either a freestanding asset or liability with a corresponding adjustment to other comprehensive income within shareholders' equity, net of tax. Subsequent adjustments due to changes in the fair value of a derivative that qualifies as a cash flow hedge are offset to other comprehensive income, net of tax. The portion of a hedge that is ineffective is recognized immediately in earnings.

At inception of a hedge relationship, United formally documents the hedged item, the particular risk management objective, the nature of the risk being hedged, the derivative being used, how effectiveness of the hedge will be assessed and how the ineffectiveness of the hedge will be measured. United also assesses hedge effectiveness at inception and on an ongoing basis using regression analysis. Hedge ineffectiveness is measured by using the change in fair value method. The change in fair value method compares the change in the fair value of the hedging derivative to the change in the fair value of the hedged exposure, attributable to changes in the benchmark rate. Prior to January 1, 2006, United used the shortcut method for interest rate swaps that met the criteria as defined under SFAS No. 133. Effective January 1, 2006, United adopted an internal policy of no longer using the short-cut method to account for future hedging relationships entered into.

For derivatives that are not designated in a hedge relationship, changes in the fair value of the derivatives are recognized in earnings in the same period as the change in the fair value.

In February 2006, the FASB issued Statement No. 155 (SFAS 155), "Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments—an amendment of FASB Statements No. 133 and 140". SFAS 155 amends SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities", to permit fair value remeasurement for any hybrid financial instrument with an embedded derivative that otherwise would require bifurcation, provided that the whole instrument is accounted for on a fair value basis. SFAS 155 amends SFAS No. 140, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets", to allow a qualifying special-purpose entity (SPE) to hold a derivative financial instrument that pertains to a beneficial interest other than another derivative financial instrument. United adopted SFAS 155 on January 1, 2007 as required. Its implementation did not have a material impact on United's consolidated financial statements.

Stock Options: United has stock option plans for certain employees that were accounted for under the intrinsic value method prior to January 1, 2006. Because the exercise price at the date of the grant was equal to the market value of the stock, no compensation expense has been recognized.

## NOTE A--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – continued

On January 1, 2006, United adopted SFAS 123R using the modified prospective transition method. SFAS 123R revised 2004 (SFAS 123R), “Share-Based Payment” which replaced Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (SFAS 123), “Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation” and superseded APB Opinion No. 25 (APB 25), “Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees” and amended FASB Statement No. 95, “Statement of Cash Flows.” Under this transition method, compensation cost to be recognized beginning in the first quarter of 2006 would include: (a) compensation cost for all share-based payments granted prior to, but not yet vested as of January 1, 2006, based on the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the original provisions of SFAS 123, and (b) compensation cost for all share-based payments granted subsequent to January 1, 2006, based on the grant-date fair value estimated in accordance with the provisions of SFAS 123R. Results for prior periods were not restated. Due to a modification on December 30, 2005 to accelerate unvested options under United’s existing stock option plans and the fact that no new options were granted in 2006, United did not recognize any compensation cost for 2006. For the year 2007, 244,550 options were granted resulting in compensation cost of \$91,000.

As further discussed in Note N, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, the estimated impact that the fair value method would have had on United’s net income and net income per share if SFAS 123R had been in effect during 2005 was \$3,496,000 or \$0.08 per share.

**Treasury Stock:** United records common stock purchased for treasury at cost. At the date of subsequent reissuance, the treasury stock account is reduced by the cost of such stock using the weighted-average cost method.

**Trust Assets and Income:** Assets held in a fiduciary or agency capacity for customers are not included in the balance sheets since such items are not assets of the company. Trust income is reported on an accrual basis.

**Earnings Per Common Share:** Basic earnings per common share is calculated by dividing net income by the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding for the respective period. For diluted earnings per common share, the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding for the respective period is increased by the number of shares of common stock that would be issued assuming the exercise of common stock options. The dilutive effect of stock options approximated 321,477 shares in 2007, 410,768 shares in 2006 and 510,416 shares in 2005. There are no other common stock equivalents.

The reconciliation of the numerator and denominator of basic earnings per share with that of diluted earnings per share is presented as follows:

(Dollars in thousands, except per share)	Year Ended December 31		
	2007	2006	2005
<b>Basic</b>			
Net Income	\$90,674	\$89,249	\$100,409
Average common shares outstanding	41,901,422	41,532,121	42,514,445
Earnings per basic common share	\$2.16	\$2.15	\$2.36
<b>Diluted</b>			
Net Income	\$90,674	\$89,249	\$100,409
Average common shares outstanding	41,901,422	41,532,121	42,514,445
Equivalents from stock options	321,477	410,768	510,416
Average diluted shares outstanding	42,222,899	41,942,889	43,024,861
Earnings per diluted common share	\$2.15	\$2.13	\$2.33

## **NOTE A--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – continued**

**Other Recent Accounting Pronouncements:** In March 2007, the Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) of the Financial Standards Board (FASB) ratified EITF Issue No. 06-10, “Accounting for Collateral Assignment Split-Dollar Life Insurance Agreements.” EITF 06-10 provides guidance for determining a liability for the postretirement benefit obligation as well as recognition and measurement of the associated asset on the basis of the terms of the collateral assignment agreement. EITF 06-10 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 31, 2007. United adopted EITF 06-10 as of January 1, 2008, as required. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on United’s financial statements.

In September 2006, the FASB issued EITF Issue No. 06-4 (EITF 06-4), “Accounting for Deferred Compensation and Postretirement Benefit Aspects of Endorsement Split-Dollar Life Insurance Arrangements”, which will require employers with endorsement split-dollar arrangements that provide a post-retirement life insurance benefit to record an obligation for this benefit and recognize an ongoing expense. EITF 06-4 will apply for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2007, with an earlier adoption permitted. United adopted EITF 06-4 on January 1, 2008, as required. The cumulative effect of adopting EITF 06-4 will be recorded in retained earnings. Based on management’s preliminary analysis, the adoption of EITF 06-4 is not expected to have a significant impact on United’s consolidated financial statements.

In September 2006, the EITF reached a conclusion on EITF Issue No. 06-5, “Accounting for Purchases of Life Insurance – Determining the Amount That Could Be Realized in Accordance with FASB Technical Bulletin No. 85-4, Accounting for Purchases of Life Insurance.” The scope of EITF 06-5 consists of six separate issues relating to accounting for life insurance policies purchased by entities protecting against the loss of “key persons.” The six issues are clarifications of previously issued guidance on FASB Technical Bulletin No. 85-4. EITF 06-5 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. The adoption of this standard had no material impact on United’s consolidated financial statements.

In September 2006, the FASB published Statement No. 158 (SFAS 158), “Employers’ Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans”, an amendment of FASB Statements No. 87, 88, 106, and 132(R). SFAS 158 requires employers to recognize in their statement of financial position an asset for a plan’s overfunded status or a liability for a plan’s underfunded status. United is also required to recognize fluctuations in the funded status in the year in which the changes occur through comprehensive income. United adopted the recognition and disclosure provisions of SFAS 158 on December 31, 2006. The effect of adopting SFAS 158 on United’s financial condition at December 31, 2006 has been included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. SFAS 158 also requires employers to measure the funded status of a plan as of the end of the employers’ fiscal year, with limited exceptions, and will be effective for United for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008. See Note M for further discussion of the effect of adopting SFAS 158 on United’s consolidated financial statements.

In September 2006, the FASB also issued Statement No. 157 (SFAS 157), “Fair Value Measurements” which provides enhanced guidance for using fair value to measure assets and liabilities. SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, with earlier adoption permitted. United adopted SFAS 157 on January 1, 2008. The adoption of this statement did not have a material impact on United’s consolidated financial statements.

In February 2007, the FASB issued Statement No. 159 (SFAS 159), “The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities” which provides companies with an option to report selected financial assets and liabilities at fair value. With this Standard, the FASB expects to reduce both the complexity in accounting for financial instruments and the volatility in earnings caused by measuring related assets and liabilities differently. SFAS 159 also establishes presentation and disclosure requirements designed to facilitate the comparisons between companies that choose different measurement attributes for similar types of assets and liabilities. The Statement does not eliminate disclosure requirements included in accounting standards. SFAS 159 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. United does not intend to report any existing financial assets or liabilities at fair value that are not already reported, thus the adoption of this statement did not have a material impact on United’s consolidated financial statements.

## **NOTE A--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – continued**

In March 2006, the FASB issued Statement No. 156 (SFAS 156), "Accounting for Servicing of Financial Assets". SFAS 156 amends SFAS No. 140, "Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities." SFAS 156 permits, but does not require, an entity to choose either the amortization method or the fair value measurement method for measuring each class of separately recognized servicing assets and servicing liabilities. SFAS 156 was effective for United on January 1, 2007. The implementation of SFAS 156 did not have a material impact on United's consolidated financial statements.

## **NOTE B--MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS**

On July 14, 2007, United acquired 100% of the outstanding common stock of Premier Community Bankshares, Inc. (Premier) of Winchester, Virginia. The results of operations of Premier, which are not significant, are included in the consolidated results of operations from the date of acquisition. Because the results of operations of Premier are not significant, pro forma information is not being provided. The acquisition of Premier expands United's presence in the rapidly growing and economically attractive Metro DC area and affords United the opportunity to enter new Virginia markets in the Winchester, Harrisonburg and Charlottesville areas.

At consummation, Premier had assets of approximately \$911 million, loans of \$759 million, deposits of \$716 million and shareholders' equity of \$71 million. Premier's net income was \$1.8 million or 31¢ per diluted share for the second quarter of 2007 and \$3.6 million or 60¢ per diluted share for the first half of 2007. The transaction was accounted for under the purchase method of accounting.

The aggregate purchase price was approximately \$200 million, including \$98 million of cash, common stock valued at \$97 million, and vested stock options exchanged valued at \$5 million. Direct costs of the Premier acquisition were \$1.48 million. The number of shares issued in the transaction were 2,684,068, which were valued based on the average market price of United's common shares over the period including the two days before and after the terms of the acquisition were agreed to and announced. The value of the vested stock options was determined using the Black-Scholes option pricing model based upon 241,428 options exchanged. The following weighted average assumptions were used to determine the value of the options exchanged: risk-free interest rate of 4.96%, expected dividend yield of 3.00%, volatility factor of the expected market price of United's common stock of 0.219 and a weighted expected option life of 2.1 years. The preliminary purchase price has been allocated to the identifiable tangible and intangible assets resulting in preliminary additions to goodwill and core deposit intangibles of approximately \$148 million and \$11 million, respectively. As a result of the merger, United assumed approximately \$2.5 million of liabilities to provide severance benefits to terminated employees of Premier. A balance of \$1.85 million remains as of December 31, 2007 for the assumed liabilities to provide severance benefits to terminated employees of Premier. The estimated fair values of the acquired assets and liabilities, including identifiable intangible assets, are subject to refinement as additional information becomes available. Any subsequent adjustments to the fair values of assets and liabilities acquired, identifiable intangible assets, or other purchase accounting adjustments will result in adjustments to goodwill within the first 12 months following the date of acquisition.

Statement of Position 03-3 (SOP 03-3), "Accounting for Certain Loans or Debt Securities Acquired in a Transfer" requires acquired impaired loans for which it is probable that the investor will be unable to collect all contractually required payments receivable to be recorded at the present value of amounts expected to be received and prohibits carrying over or creating valuation allowances in the initial accounting for these loans. Loans carried at fair value, mortgage loans held for sale, and loans to borrowers in good standing under revolving credit agreements are excluded from the scope of SOP 03-3. The impact of recording the impaired loans acquired from Premier on July 14, 2007 at fair value was not significant. Additional disclosures required by SOP 03-3 are not provided because of the insignificant impact.

## NOTE C--INVESTMENT SECURITIES

The amortized cost and estimated fair values of securities available for sale are summarized as follows:

(In thousands)	December 31, 2007			
	Amortized	Gross	Gross	Estimated
	Cost	Unrealized Gains	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. Government corporations and agencies	\$ 42,689	\$188	\$ 8	\$ 42,869
State and political subdivisions	117,713	2,349	53	120,009
Mortgage-backed securities	846,037	4,173	4,105	846,105
Marketable equity securities	6,752	85	521	6,316
Corporate securities	149,823	2,572	11,133	141,262
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,163,014</b>	<b>\$9,367</b>	<b>\$15,820</b>	<b>\$1,156,561</b>

(In thousands)	December 31, 2006			
	Amortized	Gross	Gross	Estimated
	Cost	Unrealized Gains	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. Government corporations and agencies	\$ 7,993	---	\$ 85	\$ 7,908
State and political subdivisions	110,261	\$2,176	201	112,236
Mortgage-backed securities	777,133	822	11,896	766,059
Marketable equity securities	6,200	439	43	6,596
Corporate securities	115,253	2,619	419	117,453
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,016,840</b>	<b>\$6,056</b>	<b>\$12,644</b>	<b>\$1,010,252</b>

Corporate securities consist mainly of bonds and trust preferred issuances of corporations. The amortized cost and estimated fair value of securities available for sale at December 31, 2007 by contractual maturity are shown below. Expected maturities may differ from contractual maturities because the issuers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

Maturities of mortgage-backed securities with an amortized cost of \$846,037,000 and an estimated fair value of \$846,105,000 at December 31, 2007 are included below based upon contractual maturity.

(In thousands)	Amortized	Estimated
	Cost	Fair Value
Due in one year or less	\$ 40,627	\$ 40,668
Due after one year through five years	82,214	82,315
Due after five years through ten years	195,981	196,808
Due after ten years	837,440	830,454
Marketable equity securities	6,752	6,316
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,163,014</b>	<b>\$1,156,561</b>

**NOTE C--INVESTMENT SECURITIES – continued**

Provided below is a summary of securities available-for-sale which were in an unrealized loss position at December 31, 2007 and 2006:

(In thousands)	<u>Less than 12 months</u>		<u>12 months or longer</u>	
	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Unrealized Losses</u>	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Unrealized Losses</u>
<b><u>2007</u></b>				
Treasuries and agencies	---	---	\$ 2,989	\$ 8
State and political	\$ 1,815	\$ 5	9,776	48
Mortgage-backed	58,244	594	407,397	3,511
Marketable equity securities	1,338	422	101	99
Corporate securities	85,849	10,132	14,504	1,001
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$147,246</b>	<b>\$11,153</b>	<b>\$434,767</b>	<b>\$4,667</b>
<b><u>2006</u></b>				
Treasuries and agencies	\$ 1,978	\$ 3	\$ 3,905	\$ 82
State and political	3,452	22	25,651	179
Mortgage-backed	35,437	167	663,361	11,729
Marketable equity securities	---	---	158	43
Corporate securities	---	---	25,637	419
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$40,867</b>	<b>\$192</b>	<b>\$718,712</b>	<b>\$12,452</b>

Gross unrealized losses on available for sale securities were \$15,820,000 at December 31, 2007. Securities in a continuous unrealized loss position for twelve months or more consisted primarily of mortgage-backed securities. The unrealized loss on the mortgage-backed securities portfolio relates primarily to AAA securities issued by FNMA, FHLMC, GNMA, and various other private label issuers. Management does not believe any individual security with an unrealized loss as of December 31, 2007 is other than temporarily impaired. United believes the decline in value is attributable to changes in market interest rates and not the credit quality of the issuers. United has the intent and the ability to hold these securities until such time as the value recovers or the securities mature. However, United acknowledges that any impaired securities may be sold in future periods in response to significant, unanticipated changes in asset/liability management decisions, unanticipated future market movements or business plan changes.

As previously reported, at March 31, 2006, as part of a balance sheet repositioning strategy, management specifically identified approximately \$86 million of low-yielding, fixed rate investment securities available for sale that United no longer had the intent to hold until recovery or maturity. These securities consisted of Collateralized Mortgage Obligations (CMOs) with an average investment yield of approximately 3.5% and an average remaining life of 1.7 years. Since United did not have the positive intent to hold these securities to recovery, United recognized a loss of approximately \$2.93 million in the first quarter of 2006 related to these securities. On April 4, 2006 these securities were sold.

**NOTE C--INVESTMENT SECURITIES – continued**

The amortized cost and estimated fair values of securities held to maturity are summarized below:

(In thousands)	<b>December 31, 2007</b>			<b>Estimated Fair Value</b>
	<b>Amortized</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Gross</b>	
	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Unrealized Gains</b>	<b>Unrealized Losses</b>	
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. Government corporations and agencies	\$ 11,572	\$ 1,316	---	\$ 12,888
State and political subdivisions	59,466	1,043	\$ 4	60,505
Mortgage-backed securities	165	10	---	175
Corporate securities	86,025	564	1,992	84,597
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$157,228</b>	<b>\$ 2,933</b>	<b>\$ 1,996</b>	<b>\$158,165</b>

(In thousands)	<b>December 31, 2006</b>			<b>Estimated Fair Value</b>
	<b>Amortized</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Gross</b>	
	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Unrealized Gains</b>	<b>Unrealized Losses</b>	
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. Government corporations and agencies	\$ 11,682	\$ 914	---	\$ 12,596
State and political subdivisions	62,703	1,537	---	64,240
Mortgage-backed securities	234	7	---	241
Corporate securities	137,677	2,112	\$ 1,188	138,601
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$212,296</b>	<b>\$ 4,570</b>	<b>\$ 1,188</b>	<b>\$215,678</b>

Corporate securities consist mainly of bonds and trust preferred issuances of corporations. The amortized cost and estimated fair value of debt securities held to maturity at December 31, 2007 by contractual maturity are shown below. Expected maturities may differ from contractual maturities because the issuers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

Maturities of mortgage-backed securities with an amortized cost of \$165,000 and an estimated fair value of \$175,000 at December 31, 2007 are included below based upon contractual maturity.

(In thousands)	<b>Amortized</b>	<b>Estimated</b>
	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
Due in one year or less	\$ 8,624	\$ 8,652
Due after one year through five years	35,964	36,623
Due after five years through ten years	26,568	27,495
Due after ten years	86,072	85,395
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$157,228</b>	<b>\$158,165</b>

The carrying value of securities pledged to secure public deposits, securities sold under agreements to repurchase, and for other purposes as required or permitted by law, approximated \$1,002,234,000 and \$948,623,000 at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

**NOTE C--INVESTMENT SECURITIES – continued**

The following is a summary of the amortized cost of available for sale securities at December 31:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
	(In thousands)		
U.S. Treasury and other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	\$ 42,689	\$ 7,993	\$ 11,133
States and political subdivisions	117,713	110,261	113,537
Mortgage-backed securities	846,037	777,133	967,686
Marketable equity securities	6,752	6,200	6,735
Corporate securities	149,823	115,253	129,107
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR SALE SECURITIES</b>	<u>\$1,163,014</u>	<u>\$1,016,840</u>	<u>\$1,228,198</u>

The following is a summary of the amortized cost of held to maturity securities at December 31:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
	(In thousands)		
U.S. Treasury and other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	\$ 11,572	\$ 11,682	\$ 11,787
States and political subdivisions	59,466	62,703	67,304
Mortgage-backed securities	165	234	395
Corporate securities	86,025	137,677	147,859
<b>TOTAL HELD TO MATURITY SECURITIES</b>	<u>\$157,228</u>	<u>\$212,296</u>	<u>\$227,345</u>

The fair value of mortgage-backed securities is affected by changes in interest rates and prepayment speed. When interest rates decline, prepayment speeds generally accelerate due to homeowners refinancing their mortgages at lower interest rates. This may result in the proceeds being reinvested at lower interest rates. Rising interest rates may decrease the assumed prepayment speed. Slower prepayment speeds may extend the maturity of the security beyond its estimated maturity. Therefore, investors may not be able to invest at current higher market rates due to the extended expected maturity of the security. United had net unrealized gains of \$78,000 at December 31, 2007 and net unrealized losses of \$11,067,000 at December 31, 2006 on all mortgage-backed securities.

The following table sets forth the maturities of all securities (based on amortized cost) at December 31, 2007, and the weighted-average yields of such securities (calculated on the basis of the cost and the effective yields weighted for the scheduled maturity of each security).

	<u>Within 1 Year</u>		<u>After 1 But Within 5 Years</u>		<u>After 5 But Within 10 Years</u>		<u>After 10 Years</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Yield</u>
	(Dollars in thousands)							
U.S. Treasury and other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	\$ 37,515	4.42%	\$ 3,703	5.51%	\$ 7,009	5.52%	\$ 6,034	5.67%
States and political subdivisions (1)	4,517	6.86%	30,503	6.43%	72,584	6.27%	69,575	6.61%
Mortgage-backed securities	2,198	5.88%	65,693	4.58%	140,956	4.63%	637,355	5.05%
Corporate securities and marketable equity securities	5,021	6.04%	18,280	6.73%	2,000	---	217,299	7.02%

(1) Tax-equivalent adjustments (using a 35% federal rate) have been made in calculating yields on obligations of states and political subdivisions.

There are no securities with a single issuer, other than the U.S. government and its agencies, the book value of which in the aggregate exceeds 10% of United's total shareholders' equity.

## NOTE D--ASSET SECURITIZATION

During 1999, to better manage risk, United sold fixed-rate residential mortgage loans in a securitization transaction. In that securitization, United retained a subordinated interest that represented United's right to future cash flows arising after third party investors in the securitization trust have received the return for which they contracted. United does not receive annual servicing fees from this securitization because the loans are serviced by an independent third-party. The investors and the securitization trust have no recourse to United's other assets for failure of debtors to pay when due; however, United's retained interests are subordinate to investors' interests. The book and fair value of the subordinated interest are subject to credit, prepayment, and interest rate risks on the underlying fixed-rate residential mortgage loans in the securitization.

At the date of securitization, key economic assumptions used in measuring the fair value of the subordinated interest were as follows: a weighted-average life of 5.3 years, expected cumulative default rate of 15%, and residual cash flows discount rates of 8% to 18%. At December 31, 2007 and 2006, the fair values of the subordinated interest and the cost of the available for sale securities were zero.

At December 31, 2007, the principal balances of the residential mortgage loans held in the securitization trust were approximately \$7.39 million. Principal amounts owed to third party investors and to United in the securitization were approximately \$2.81 million and \$4.58 million, respectively, at December 31, 2007. The weighted average term to maturity of the underlying mortgages approximated 9.1 years as of December 31, 2007. For the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, United received cash of \$2,866,000, \$4,388,000 and \$7,689,000, respectively, on the retained interest in the securitization. United recognized income on the retained interests of \$2,866,000, \$4,388,000 and \$3,809,000 for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

The amount of future cash flows from United's subordinated interest is highly dependent upon future prepayments and defaults. Accordingly, the amount and timing of future cash flows to United is uncertain at this time.

The following table presents quantitative information about delinquencies, net credit losses, and components of the underlying securitized financial assets:

<u>Type of Loan</u>	<u>Total Principal Amount of Loans</u>		<u>Principal Amount of Loans 60 Days or More Past Due</u>		<u>Average Balances</u>		<u>Net Credit (Recoveries)/ Losses</u>	
	<u>At December 31,</u>				<u>During the Year</u>			
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Residential mortgage loans (fixed-rate)	\$7,393	\$10,382	\$86	\$114	\$8,817	\$13,000	(\$66)	\$369

## NOTE E--LOANS

Major classifications of loans are as follows:

	December 31				
	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
	(In thousands)				
Commercial, financial and agricultural	\$ 1,210,049	\$ 954,024	\$ 934,780	\$ 864,511	\$ 791,219
Real estate mortgage	3,629,946	2,986,774	2,994,406	2,849,917	2,590,527
Real estate construction	601,323	523,042	347,274	303,516	173,826
Consumer	359,243	349,868	380,062	406,758	405,065
Less: Unearned interest	(7,077)	(6,961)	(6,693)	(6,426)	(5,403)
<b>Total loans</b>	<b>5,793,484</b>	<b>4,806,747</b>	<b>4,649,829</b>	<b>4,418,276</b>	<b>3,955,234</b>
Allowance for loan losses	(50,456)	(43,629)	(44,138)	(43,365)	(41,578)
<b>TOTAL LOANS, NET</b>	<b>\$ 5,743,028</b>	<b>\$ 4,763,118</b>	<b>\$ 4,605,691</b>	<b>\$ 4,374,911</b>	<b>\$ 3,913,656</b>
Loans held for sale	\$ 1,270	\$ 2,041	\$ 3,324	\$ 3,981	\$ 1,687

At December 31, 2007 and 2006, loans-in-process of \$39,639,000 and \$13,330,000 and overdrafts from deposit accounts of \$7,754,000 and \$4,936,000, respectively, are included within the appropriate loan classifications above.

The following is a summary of loans outstanding as a percent of total loans at December 31:

	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Commercial, financial and agricultural	20.89%	19.85%	20.10%	19.57%	20.00%
Real estate mortgage	62.65%	62.14%	64.40%	64.50%	65.50%
Real estate construction	10.38%	10.88%	7.47%	6.87%	4.40%
Consumer	6.08%	7.13%	8.03%	9.06%	10.10%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

The following table shows the maturity of commercial, financial, and agricultural loans and real estate construction outstanding as of December 31, 2007:

(In thousands)	Less Than One Year	One To Five Years	Greater Than Five Years	Total
Commercial, financial and agricultural	\$621,283	\$350,539	\$238,227	\$1,210,049
Real estate construction	601,323	---	---	601,323
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,222,606</b>	<b>\$350,539</b>	<b>\$238,227</b>	<b>\$1,811,372</b>

**NOTE E--LOANS** – continued

At December 31, 2007, commercial, financial and agricultural loans by maturity are as follows:

	<u>Less Than One Year</u>	<u>One to Five Years</u>	<u>Over Five Years</u>	<u>Total</u>
Outstanding with fixed interest rates	\$ 141,498	\$ 210,493	\$ 135,359	\$ 487,350
Outstanding with adjustable rates	479,785	140,046	102,868	722,699
	<u>\$ 621,283</u>	<u>\$ 350,539</u>	<u>\$ 238,227</u>	<u>\$1,210,049</u>

There were no real estate construction loans with maturities greater than one year.

United's subsidiary banks have made loans, in the normal course of business, to the directors and officers of United and its subsidiaries, and to their associates. Such related party loans were made on substantially the same terms, including interest rates and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with unrelated persons and did not involve more than normal risk of collectibility. The aggregate dollar amount of these loans was \$126,432,000 and \$122,150,000 at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. During 2007, \$355,604,000 of new loans were made and repayments totaled \$361,017,000.

Nonperforming loans include nonaccrual loans and loans that are contractually past due 90 days or more as to interest or principal, but have not been put on a nonaccrual basis. At December 31, 2007 and 2006, nonperforming loans were as follows:

(In thousands)	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Nonaccrual loans	\$ 14,115	\$ 5,755
Loans which are contractually past due 90 days or more as to interest or principal, and are still accruing interest	<u>14,210</u>	<u>8,432</u>
Total Nonperforming Loans	<u>\$ 28,325</u>	<u>\$ 14,187</u>

At December 31, 2007, the recorded investment in loans that were considered to be impaired was \$30,952,000 (of which \$14,115,000 was on a nonaccrual basis). Included in this amount were \$24,097,000 of impaired loans for which the related allowance for credit losses was \$3,615,000 and \$6,855,000 of impaired loans that did not have an allowance for credit losses. At December 31, 2006, the recorded investment in loans that were considered to be impaired was \$21,963,000 (of which \$5,755,000 was on a nonaccrual basis). Included in this amount were \$15,193,000 of impaired loans for which the related allowance for credit losses was \$3,000,000, and \$6,770,000 of impaired loans that did not have an allowance for credit losses.

The average recorded investment in impaired loans during the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005 was approximately \$28,908,000, \$26,503,000 and \$15,940,000, respectively. Significant additions to impaired loans for the year of 2007 were \$5.15 million from the former Premier offices, \$4.32 million from two large collateralized commercial credits and \$4.27 million from certain residential real estate construction credits originated by a former United loan officer. The increase in 2006 was due mainly to the impairment of two loans totaling \$7.15 million to one commercial customer.

The amount of interest income that would have been recorded on impaired loans, which are on nonaccrual, under the original terms was \$1,865,000, \$1,361,000 and \$737,000 for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, United recognized interest income on those impaired loans of approximately \$1,423,000, \$1,490,000 and \$340,000, respectively, substantially all of which was recognized using the accrual method of income recognition.

## NOTE F--ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT LOSSES

United maintains an allowance for loan losses and an allowance for lending-related commitments such as unfunded loan commitments and letters of credit. The allowance for lending-related commitments of \$8,288,000 and \$8,742,000 at December 31, 2007 and 2006 is separately classified on the balance sheet and is included in other liabilities. The combined allowances for loan losses and lending-related commitments are referred to as the allowance for credit losses.

A progression of the allowance for credit losses, which includes the allowance for credit losses and the allowance for lending-related commitments, for the periods presented is summarized as follows:

(In thousands)	Year Ended December 31		
	2007	2006	2005
Balance at beginning of period	\$52,371	\$52,871	\$51,353
Allowance of purchased subsidiaries	7,648	---	---
Provision for credit losses	5,330	1,437	5,618
	<u>65,349</u>	<u>54,308</u>	<u>56,971</u>
Loans charged off	7,738	3,228	6,016
Less recoveries	1,133	1,291	1,916
Net charge-offs	<u>6,605</u>	<u>1,937</u>	<u>4,100</u>
Balance at end of period	<u>\$58,744</u>	<u>\$52,371</u>	<u>\$52,871</u>

## NOTE G--BANK PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT AND LEASES

Bank premises and equipment are summarized as follows:

(In thousands)	December 31	
	2007	2006
Land	\$ 18,170	\$ 11,307
Buildings and improvements	65,817	47,459
Leasehold improvements	18,308	16,851
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	<u>77,827</u>	<u>71,049</u>
	180,122	146,666
Less allowance for depreciation and amortization	<u>118,442</u>	<u>108,555</u>
Net bank premises and equipment	<u>\$ 61,680</u>	<u>\$ 38,111</u>

Depreciation expense was \$5,171,000, \$4,475,000, and \$4,933,000 for years ending December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively, while amortization expense was \$103,000 in each of these same time periods.

United and certain banking subsidiaries have entered into various noncancelable-operating leases. These noncancelable operating leases are subject to renewal options under various terms and some leases provide for periodic rate adjustments based on cost-of-living index changes. Rent expense for noncancelable operating leases approximated \$7,336,000, \$6,951,000 and \$6,528,000 for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively. United Bank (WV) leases three of its offices from companies that are beneficially owned by United directors. Rent expense incurred on these facilities was \$976,000, \$969,000, and \$968,000 for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively.

**NOTE G--BANK PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT AND LEASES-- continued**

Future minimum lease payments, by year and in the aggregate, under noncancelable operating leases with initial or remaining terms of one year or more, for years subsequent to December 31, 2007, consisted of the following:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
(In thousands)	
2008	\$6,950
2009	6,019
2010	4,951
2011	4,149
2012	3,026
Thereafter	<u>6,119</u>
Total minimum lease payments	<u>\$31,214</u>

**NOTE H--GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLES**

The following is a summary of intangible assets subject to amortization and those not subject to amortization:

(In thousands)	<u>As of December 31, 2007</u>		
	<u>Gross Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Accumulated Amortization</u>	<u>Net Carrying Amount</u>
Amortized intangible assets:			
Core deposit intangible assets	<u>\$30,995</u>	<u>(\$20,117)</u>	<u>\$10,878</u>
Goodwill not subject to amortization			<u>\$312,111</u>
	<u>As of December 31, 2006</u>		
	<u>Gross Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Accumulated Amortization</u>	<u>Net Carrying Amount</u>
Amortized intangible assets:			
Core deposit intangible assets	<u>\$19,890</u>	<u>(\$17,250)</u>	<u>\$2,640</u>
Goodwill not subject to amortization			<u>\$167,421</u>

During the third quarter of 2007, United acquired Premier adding preliminary amounts of \$147,879 to goodwill and \$11,105 to core deposit intangible assets.

The following table sets forth the anticipated amortization expense for intangible assets for the years subsequent to 2007:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
(In thousands)	
2008	\$ 3,494
2009	2,561
2010	1,884
2011	1,362
2012 and thereafter	1,577

## NOTE 1--DEPOSITS

The book value of deposits consisted of the following:

(Dollars In thousands)	December 31	
	2007	2006
Demand deposits	\$409,109	\$429,504
Interest-bearing checking	174,666	159,628
Regular savings	324,728	317,642
Money market accounts	1,929,985	1,829,300
Time deposits under \$100,000	1,557,478	1,317,839
Time deposits over \$100,000	953,784	774,279
<b>Total deposits</b>	<b>\$5,349,750</b>	<b>\$4,828,192</b>

Interest paid on deposits approximated \$144,532,000, \$113,431,000 and \$70,189,000 in 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

At December 31, 2007, the scheduled maturities of time deposits are as follows:

Year	Amount
(In thousands)	
2008	\$1,842,433
2009	375,525
2010	165,906
2011	43,011
2012 and thereafter	84,387
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,511,262</b>

The average daily amount of deposits and rates paid on such deposits is summarized for the years ended December 31:

	2007			2006			2005		
	Amount	Interest Expense	Rate	Amount	Interest Expense	Rate	Amount	Interest Expense	Rate
	(Dollars in thousands)								
Demand deposits	\$ 202,319	---	---	\$ 399,298	---	---	\$ 563,028	---	---
NOW and money market deposits	2,136,375	\$ 37,337	1.75%	1,932,103	\$ 33,928	1.76%	1,810,211	\$ 21,548	1.19%
Savings deposits	334,155	1,970	0.59%	336,008	1,239	0.37%	370,118	957	0.26%
Time deposits	2,313,736	107,611	4.65%	2,017,509	83,350	4.13%	1,717,190	50,641	2.95%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,986,585</b>	<b>\$ 146,918</b>	<b>2.95%</b>	<b>\$ 4,684,918</b>	<b>\$ 118,517</b>	<b>2.53%</b>	<b>\$ 4,460,547</b>	<b>\$ 73,146</b>	<b>1.64%</b>

Maturities of time certificates of deposit of \$100,000 or more outstanding at December 31, 2007 are summarized as follows:

(Dollars In thousands)	Amount
3 months or less	\$377,247
Over 3 through 6 months	161,608
Over 6 through 12 months	176,298
Over 12 months	238,631
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$953,784</b>

United's subsidiary banks have received deposits, in the normal course of business, from the directors and officers of United and its subsidiaries, and their associates. Such related party deposits were accepted on substantially the same terms, including interest rates and maturities, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with unrelated persons. The aggregate dollar amount of these deposits was \$246,136,000 and \$160,955,000 at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

## NOTE J--SHORT-TERM BORROWINGS

At December 31, 2007 and 2006, short-term borrowings and the related weighted-average interest rates were as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	2007		2006	
	Amount	Weighted-Average Rate	Amount	Weighted-Average Rate
Federal funds purchased	\$ 97,074	4.13%	\$ 97,720	5.26%
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	499,989	3.25%	460,858	4.21%
Overnight FHLB Advances	434,000	3.74%	120,000	5.41%
TT&L note option	5,000	3.59%	3,688	5.04%
Total	<u>\$1,036,063</u>		<u>\$682,266</u>	

Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase have been a significant source of funds for the company. United has various lines of credit available from certain of its correspondent banks in the aggregate amount of \$200,000,000 of which \$2,049,000 was used as of December 31, 2007. These lines of credit, which bear interest at prevailing market rates, permit United to borrow funds in the overnight market, and are renewable annually subject to certain conditions.

The table below shows the distribution of United's federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase and the weighted-average interest rates thereon at the end of each of the last three years. Also provided are the maximum amount of borrowings and the average amounts of borrowings as well as weighted-average interest rates for the last three years.

(Dollars in thousands)	Federal Funds Purchased	Securities Sold Under Agreements To Repurchase
At December 31:		
2007	\$ 97,074	\$499,989
2006	97,720	460,858
2005	61,370	525,604
Weighted-average interest rate at year-end:		
2007	4.1%	3.3%
2006	5.3%	4.2%
2005	4.1%	3.0%
Maximum amount outstanding at any month's end:		
2007	\$138,150	\$613,665
2006	101,395	590,606
2005	100,513	622,822
Average amount outstanding during the year:		
2007	\$99,415	\$553,257
2006	79,194	553,743
2005	78,643	560,756
Weighted-average interest rate during the year:		
2007	5.0%	4.1%
2006	5.0%	3.8%
2005	3.3%	2.3%

## NOTE J--SHORT-TERM BORROWINGS-- continued

At December 31, 2007, repurchase agreements included \$497,569,000 in overnight accounts. The remaining balance principally consists of agreements having maturities less than one year. The rates offered on these funds vary according to movements in the federal funds and short-term investment market rates.

United has available funds of \$70,000,000 with two unrelated financial institutions to provide for general liquidity needs. Both are unsecured revolving lines of credit. One has a one-year renewable term while the other line of credit has a two-year renewable term. Each line of credit carries an indexed, floating-rate of interest. In July of 2007, United borrowed funds totaling \$50,000,000 on these two lines of credit to temporarily fund a portion of the cash consideration for the Premier acquisition. At the funding date, the weighted-average interest rate was 5.97% on the borrowings. United repaid the amounts in September 2007. At December 31, 2007, United had no outstanding balance under the lines of credit.

United Bank (VA) participates in the Treasury Investment Program, which is essentially the U.S. Treasury's savings account for companies depositing employment and other tax payments. The bank holds the funds in an open-ended, interest-bearing note until the Treasury withdraws or "calls" the funds. A maximum note balance is established that must be collateralized at all times. All tax deposits or portions of the tax deposits up to the maximum balance are generally available as a source of short-term investment funding. As of December 31, 2007, United Bank (VA) had an outstanding balance of \$5,000,000 and had no additional funding available.

Interest paid on short-term borrowings approximated \$30,893,000, \$30,234,000 and \$18,098,000 in 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

## NOTE K--LONG-TERM BORROWINGS

United's subsidiary banks are members of the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB). Membership in the FHLB makes available short-term and long-term borrowings from collateralized advances. All FHLB borrowings are collateralized by a mix of single-family residential mortgage loans, commercial loans and investment securities. At December 31, 2007, the total carrying value of loans pledged as collateral for FHLB advances approximated \$1,333,751,000. United had an unused borrowing amount as of December 31, 2007 of approximately \$1,166,883,000 available subject to delivery of collateral after certain trigger points.

Advances may be called by the FHLB or redeemed by United based on predefined factors and penalties. During 2007, United prepaid \$608.9 million of long-term FHLB advances and terminated interest rate swaps associated with three of the advances. The prepayment of the FHLB advances resulted in before-tax penalties of \$5.12 million and the termination of the interest rate swaps resulted in a before-tax loss of \$8.11 million for the year of 2007. During 2006, United prepaid \$250.0 million of long-term FHLB advances and terminated interest rate swaps associated with two of the advances. The prepayment of the FHLB advances resulted in before-tax penalties of \$8.26 million and the termination of the interest rate swaps resulted in a before-tax loss of \$4.60 million in the year of 2006. United replaced the prepaid debt with other FHLB advances and associated interest rate swaps that lowered the total effective cost.

At December 31, 2007 and 2006, FHLB advances and the related weighted-average interest rates were as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	2007			2006		
	Amount	Weighted-Average Contractual Rate	Weighted-Average Effective Rate	Amount	Weighted-Average Contractual Rate	Weighted-Average Effective Rate
		Rate	Rate		Rate	Rate
FHLB advances	\$1,012,272	4.22%	4.22%	\$533,899	4.08%	4.08%

Included in the \$1,012,272,000 above at December 31, 2007 was \$434,000,000 of overnight funds while \$578,272,000 was long-term advances. At December 31, 2006, included in the \$533,899,000 above was \$120,000,000 of overnight funds while

## NOTE K--LONG-TERM BORROWINGS-- continued

\$413,899,000 was long-term advances. The weighted-average effective rate considers the effect of any interest rate swaps designated as fair value hedges outstanding at year-end 2007 and 2006 to manage interest rate risk on its long-term debt. Additional information is provided in Note P.

At year-end 2007, United has a total of eleven statutory business trusts that were formed for the purpose of issuing or participating in pools of trust preferred capital securities (Capital Securities) with the proceeds invested in junior subordinated debt securities (Debentures) of United. The Debentures, which are subordinate and junior in right of payment to all present and future senior indebtedness and certain other financial obligations of United, are the sole assets of the trusts and United's payment under the Debentures is the sole source of revenue for the trusts. At December 31, 2007 and 2006, the outstanding balance of the Debentures were \$195,890,000 and \$85,301,000, respectively, and were included in the category of long-term debt on the Consolidated Balance Sheets entitled "Other long-term borrowings." The Capital Securities are not included as a component of shareholders' equity in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. United fully and unconditionally guarantees each individual trust's obligations under the Capital Securities.

Under the provisions of the subordinated debt, United has the right to defer payment of interest on the subordinated debt at any time, or from time to time, for periods not exceeding five years. If interest payments on the subordinated debt are deferred, the dividends on the Capital Securities are also deferred. Interest on the subordinated debt is cumulative.

The Trust Preferred Securities currently qualify as Tier 1 regulatory capital of United for regulatory purposes. In 2005, the banking regulatory agencies issued guidance, which did not change the regulatory capital treatment for the Trust Preferred Securities.

In July of 2007, United, through a wholly-owned subsidiary, United Statutory Trust V, participated in a Capital Securities offering of a third party in the amount of \$50 million to help fund the acquisition of Premier. The proceeds were invested in junior subordinated debt of United paying interest quarterly at a fixed rate of 6.67% for the first five years and then at a floating rate equal to 3-month LIBOR plus 155 basis points thereafter.

In September of 2007, United, through a wholly-owned subsidiary, United Statutory Trust VI, participated in a Capital Securities offering of a third party in the amount of \$30 million to help repay the short-term borrowings used to temporarily fund the acquisition of Premier. The proceeds were invested in junior subordinated debt of United paying interest quarterly at a fixed rate of 6.60% for the first five years and then at a floating rate equal 3-month LIBOR plus 130 basis points thereafter. Under the terms of the transactions, both Capital Securities will have a maturity of 30 years, and are redeemable after five years with certain exceptions. For regulatory purposes, both the \$50 million and the \$30 million issuance of Capital Securities qualify as Tier I capital in accordance with current regulatory reporting requirements.

As part of the acquisition of Premier on July 14, 2007, United assumed all the obligations of Premier and its subsidiaries. Premier had a total of four statutory business trusts that were formed for the purpose of issuing or participating in Capital Securities with the proceeds invested in Debentures of Premier. At merger, Premier owed approximately \$39 million on its debentures. The Capital Securities assumed in the Premier acquisition qualify as Tier 1 capital of United under current regulatory reporting requirements.

During the fourth quarter of 2007, United redeemed the Capital Securities of United Statutory Trust I. As part of the redemption, United retired the \$10,310,000 principal amount of 8.45% Junior Subordinated Debentures issued by United Statutory Trust I. During the fourth quarter of 2006, United redeemed the Capital Securities of Sequoia Capital Trust II. As part of the redemption, United retired the \$3,093,000 principal amount of 9.17% Junior Subordinated Debentures issued by Sequoia Capital Trust II.

In January of 2008, United redeemed the Capital Securities of United Statutory Trust II. As part of the redemption, United retired the \$10,310,000 principal amount of 8.59% Junior Subordinated Debentures issued by United Statutory Trust II.

**NOTE K--LONG-TERM BORROWINGS--** continued

Information related to United's statutory trusts is presented in the table below:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Issuance Date</b>	<b>Amount of Capital Securities Issued</b>	<b>Interest Rate</b>	<b>Maturity Date</b>
(Dollars in thousands)				
Century Trust	March 23, 2000	\$ 8,800	10.875% Fixed	March 8, 2030
Sequoia Trust I	March 28, 2001	\$ 7,000	10.18% Fixed	June 8, 2031
United Statutory Trust II	December 19, 2002	\$10,000	3-month LIBOR + 3.35%	January 7, 2033
United Statutory Trust III	December 17, 2003	\$20,000	3-month LIBOR + 2.85%	December 17, 2033
United Statutory Trust IV	December 19, 2003	\$25,000	3-month LIBOR + 2.85%	January 23, 2034
United Statutory Trust V	July 12, 2007	\$50,000	6.67% Fixed, until October 2012	October 1, 2037
United Statutory Trust VI	September 20, 2007	\$30,000	6.60% Fixed, until October 2012	December 15, 2037
Premier Statutory Trust II	September 25, 2003	\$6,000	3-month LIBOR + 3.10%	October 8, 2033
Premier Statutory Trust III	May 16, 2005	\$8,000	3-month LIBOR + 1.74%	June 15, 2035
Premier Statutory Trust IV	June 20, 2006	\$14,000	3-month LIBOR + 1.55%	September 23, 2036
Premier Statutory Trust V	December 14, 2006	\$10,000	6.62% Fixed, until March 2012	March 1, 2037

At December 31, 2007 and 2006, the Debentures and their related weighted-average interest rates were as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	<b>2007</b>		<b>2006</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Weighted- Average Rate</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Weighted- Average Rate</b>
Century Trust	\$ 8,809	10.88%	\$ 8,817	10.88%
Sequoia Trust I	8,961	10.18%	9,471	10.18%
United Statutory Trust I	---	---	10,310	8.62%
United Statutory Trust II	10,310	8.59%	10,310	8.72%
United Statutory Trust III	20,619	8.54%	20,619	8.21%
United Statutory Trust IV	25,774	7.83%	25,774	8.23%
United Statutory Trust V	51,547	6.67%	---	---
United Statutory Trust VI	30,928	6.60%	---	---
Premier Statutory Trust II	5,951	8.34%	---	---
Premier Statutory Trust III	8,248	6.73%	---	---
Premier Statutory Trust IV	14,433	6.43%	---	---
Premier Statutory Trust V	10,310	6.62%	---	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$195,890</b>		<b>\$85,301</b>	

At December 31, 2007, the scheduled maturities of long-term borrowings were as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>
(In thousands)	
2008	\$ 110,864
2009	80,425
2010	335,130
2011	10,211
2012 and thereafter	237,532
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 774,162</b>

Interest paid on long-term borrowings approximated \$34,343,000, \$33,629,000 and \$33,099,000 in 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

## NOTE L--INCOME TAXES

The income tax provisions included in the consolidated statements of income are summarized as follows:

(In thousands)	Year Ended December 31		
	2007	2006	2005
Current expense:			
Federal	\$36,378	\$30,173	\$46,242
State	1,201	1,008	750
Deferred (benefit) expense:			
Federal and State	1,656	9,586	(727)
Total income taxes	<u>\$39,235</u>	<u>\$40,767</u>	<u>\$46,265</u>

Below is a reconciliation of income tax expense to the amount computed by applying the statutory federal income tax rate to income before income taxes:

(Dollars in thousands)	Year Ended December 31					
	2007		2006		2005	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Tax on income before taxes at statutory federal rate	\$45,468	35.0%	\$45,506	35.0%	\$51,336	35.0%
Plus: State income taxes net of federal tax benefits	<u>800</u>	<u>0.6</u>	<u>1,309</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>515</u>	<u>0.4</u>
	46,268	35.6	46,815	36.0	51,851	35.4
Increase (decrease) resulting from:						
Tax-exempt interest income	(3,843)	(3.0)	(3,474)	(2.7)	(3,062)	(2.1)
Tax reserve adjustment	(955)	(0.7)	(317)	(0.2)	(138)	(0.1)
Other items-net	<u>(2,235)</u>	<u>(1.7)</u>	<u>(2,257)</u>	<u>(1.7)</u>	<u>(2,386)</u>	<u>(1.7)</u>
Income taxes	<u>\$39,235</u>	<u>30.2%</u>	<u>\$40,767</u>	<u>31.4%</u>	<u>\$46,265</u>	<u>31.5%</u>

For years ended 2007 and 2006, United recognized a federal income tax benefit applicable to securities transactions of \$24,000 and \$1,112,000, respectively. For the years ended 2005, United incurred federal income tax expense applicable to securities transactions of approximately \$243,000. Income taxes paid approximated \$48,563,000, \$27,805,000 and \$47,565,000 in 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively. Deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes.

Taxes not on income, which consists mainly of business franchise taxes, were \$4,516,000, \$3,827,000 and \$3,281,000 for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

**NOTE L--INCOME TAXES-- continued**

Significant components of United's deferred tax assets and liabilities (included in other assets) at December 31, 2007 and 2006 are as follows:

(In thousands)	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Deferred tax assets:		
Allowance for credit losses	\$23,343	\$21,005
Accrued benefits payable	660	---
Other accrued liabilities	343	821
Unrecognized components of net periodic pension costs	5,038	5,206
Unrealized loss on cash flow hedge	---	818
Unrealized loss on securities available for sale	2,773	3,375
Premises and equipment	---	458
Other	2,538	---
Total deferred tax assets	<u>34,695</u>	<u>31,683</u>
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Purchase accounting intangibles	7,762	3,832
Deferred mortgage points	1,020	1,158
Accrued benefits payable	9,019	9,019
Unrealized gain on cash flow hedge	230	---
Premises and equipment	1,459	---
Other	---	4,295
Total deferred tax liabilities	<u>19,490</u>	<u>18,304</u>
Net deferred tax assets	<u>\$15,205</u>	<u>\$13,379</u>

At December 31, 2007, United had state net operating loss carryforwards of \$82,118,000 (for which no tax benefit has been recorded) that are subject to limitation imposed by tax laws and, if not used, will expire from 2023 to 2026.

In July 2006, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation (FIN) No. 48 (FIN 48), "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes", to address concerns regarding comparability in reporting tax assets and liabilities resulting in an enterprise's financial statements resulting from a lack of specific guidance in FASB Statement No. 109 (SFAS 109), "Accounting for Income Taxes". FIN 48 prescribes a recognition threshold of more-likely-than-not, and a measurement attribute for all tax positions taken on a tax return, in order for those tax positions to be recognized in the financial statements. United has adopted FIN 48 as of January 1, 2007, as required. The cumulative effect of adopting FIN 48 was \$300,000 which was recorded in retained earnings. Also, certain amounts have been reclassified in the statement of financial position in order to comply with the requirements of the statement.

Below is a reconciliation of the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits:

(In thousands)	<u>December 31, 2007</u>
Unrecognized tax benefits at beginning of year	\$9,148
Increases in unrecognized tax benefits as a result of tax positions taken during the current period	1,795
Decreases in the unrecognized tax benefits as a result of a lapse of the applicable statute of limitations	<u>(3,398)</u>
Unrecognized tax benefits at end of year	<u>\$7,545</u>

## **NOTE L--INCOME TAXES-- continued**

The entire amount of unrecognized tax benefits, if recognized, would impact United's effective tax rate. Over the next 12 months, the statute of limitations will close on certain income tax returns. However, at this time, United cannot reasonably estimate the amount of tax benefits it may recognize over the next 12 months.

United is currently open to audit under the statute of limitations by the Internal Revenue Service and State Taxing authorities for the years ended December 31, 2004 through 2006. During the third quarter of 2007, United reduced its income tax reserve by \$1,055,000 due to the expiration of the statute of limitations for examination of certain years. Also in the third quarter of 2007, United reduced its goodwill by \$2,278,000 due to the expiration of the statute of limitations for income tax matters related to a prior acquisition that was previously recorded as a part of the purchase price allocation.

As of December 31, 2007, the total amount of accrued interest related to uncertain tax positions was \$730,000. United accounts for interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions as part of its provision for federal and state income taxes.

## **NOTE M--EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS**

United has a defined benefit retirement plan covering substantially all employees. Pension benefits are based on years of service and the average of the employee's highest five consecutive plan years of basic compensation paid during the ten plan years preceding the date of determination. United's funding policy is to contribute annually the maximum amount that can be deducted for federal income tax purposes. Contributions are intended to provide not only for benefits attributed to service to date, but also for those expected to be earned in the future.

In September of 2007, after a recommendation by United's Pension Committee and approval by United's Board of Directors, the United Bankshares, Inc. Pension Plan (the Plan) was amended to change the participation rules. The decision to change the participation rules for the Plan follows current industry trends, as many large and medium size companies have taken similar steps. The amendment provides that employees hired on or after October 1, 2007, will not be eligible to participate in the Plan. However, new employees will continue to be eligible to participate in United's Savings and Stock Investment 401(k) plan. This change has no impact on current employees (those hired prior to October 1, 2007). They will continue to participate in the Plan, with no change in benefit provisions, and will continue to be eligible to participate in United's Saving and Stock Investment 401(k) Plan.

On December 31, 2006, United adopted the recognition and disclosure provision of Statement No. 158, "Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans". SFAS 158 requires United to recognize the funded status of its defined benefit post-retirement plan in the statement of financial position, with a corresponding adjustment to accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax. The adjustment to accumulated other comprehensive income at adoption represents the net unrecognized actuarial losses, unrecognized prior service costs, and unrecognized transition obligation remaining from the initial adoption of SFAS 87, all of which were previously netted against the plan's funded status in United's statement of financial positions pursuant to the provisions of SFAS 87. These amounts were subsequently recognized as net periodic pension cost pursuant to United's historical accounting policy for amortizing such amounts.

Further, actuarial gains and losses that arise in subsequent periods and are not recognized as net periodic pension cost in the same periods are recognized as a component of other comprehensive income. Those amounts are subsequently recognized as a component of net periodic pension cost on the same basis as the amounts recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income at adoption of Statement 158.

**NOTE M--EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS-- continued**

The incremental effects of adopting the provision of Statement 158 on United's statement of financial position at December 31, 2006 are presented in the following table. The adoption of Statement 158 had no effect on United's consolidated statements of income for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, and it will not affect United's operating results in future periods.

(In thousands)	At December 31, 2006		
	Prior to Adopting Statement 158	Effect of Adopting Statement 158	As Reported at December 31, 2006
Net pension asset	40,165	(13,217)	\$ 26,948
Deferred income taxes	8,058	5,206	13,264
Accumulated other comprehensive income	(7,780)	(8,011)	(15,791)

Included in accumulated other comprehensive income at December 31, 2007 are the following amounts that have not yet been recognized in net periodic pension cost: unrecognized transition asset of \$526 (\$319 net of tax), unrecognized prior service costs of \$8 (\$5 net of tax) and unrecognized actuarial losses of \$10,899 (\$6,604 net of tax). The amortization of these items expected to be recognized in net periodic pension cost during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 is \$175 (\$105 net of tax), \$1 (\$1 net of tax), and \$193 (\$119 net of tax), respectively.

Net consolidated periodic pension cost included the following components:

(In thousands)	Year Ended December 31,		
	2007	2006	2005
Service cost	\$2,154	\$2,141	\$1,882
Interest cost	3,474	3,245	3,034
Expected return on plan assets	(7,213)	(4,749)	(4,468)
Amortization of transition asset	(175)	(175)	(175)
Recognized net actuarial loss	593	926	682
Amortization of prior service cost	1	1	1
Net periodic pension cost	<u>\$(1,166)</u>	<u>\$1,389</u>	<u>\$956</u>
<b>Weighted-Average Assumptions:</b>			
Discount rate	6.25%	6.00%	6.25%
Expected return on assets	8.50%	8.50%	9.00%
Rate of compensation increase	3.25%	3.25%	3.25%

**NOTE M--EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS-- continued**

The reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances of the projected benefit obligation and the fair value of plan assets for the year ended December 31, 2007 and the accumulated benefit obligation at December 31, 2006 is as follows:

(In thousands)	December 31,	
	2007	2006
<b>Change in Projected Benefit Obligation</b>		
Projected Benefit Obligation at the Beginning of the Year	\$58,750	\$54,830
Service Cost	2,154	2,141
Interest Cost	3,475	3,245
Actuarial (Gain) Loss	(1,898)	42
Benefits Paid	(1,791)	(1,508)
Projected Benefit at the End of the Year	\$60,690	\$58,750
Accumulated Benefit Obligation at the End of the Year	\$52,471	\$50,749
<b>Change in Plan Assets</b>		
Fair Value of Plan Assets at the Beginning of the Year	\$85,698	\$56,613
Actual Return on Plan Assets	7,733	3,915
Benefits Paid	(1,791)	(1,508)
Employer Contributions	---	26,679
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	\$91,640	\$85,699
<b>Net Amount Recognized</b>		
Funded Status	\$30,950	\$26,948
Unrecognized Transition Asset	(526)	(701)
Unrecognized Prior Service Cost	8	9
Unrecognized Net Loss	10,899	13,909
Net Amount Recognized	\$41,331	\$40,165
<b>Weighted-Average Assumptions at the End of the Year</b>		
Discount Rate	6.25%	6.00%
Rate of Compensation Increase	3.25%	3.25%

Currently, the plan's measurement date is September 30th of each year. For the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008, United is required to measure the funded status of the plan as of the end of the fiscal year in accordance with FAS 158. Asset allocation for the defined benefit pension plan as of the measurement date, by asset category, is as follows:

Plan Assets	Target Allocation 2008	Allowable Allocation Range	Percentage of Plan Assets at September 30,	
			2007	2006
Equity Securities	70%	50-80%	55%	33%
Debt Securities	25%	20-40%	43%	20%
Other	5%	3-10%	2%	47%
Total			100%	100%

Equity securities include United common stock in the amounts of \$3,221,000 (4%) and \$3,939,000 (5%) at September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

The policy, as established by the Pension Committee, primarily consisting of United's Executive Management, is to invest assets based upon the target allocations stated above. The assets are reallocated periodically to meet the above target allocations. The investment policy is reviewed at least annually, subject to the approval of the Pension Committee, to determine if the policy should be changed. Prohibited investments include, but are not limited to, futures contracts, private

## NOTE M--EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS-- continued

placements, uncovered options, real estate, the use of margin, short sales, derivatives for speculative purposes, and other investments that are speculative in nature. In order to achieve a prudent level of portfolio diversification, the securities of any one company are not to exceed 10% of the total plan assets, and no more than the 15% of total plan assets is to be invested in any one industry (other than securities of U.S. Government or Agencies). Additionally, no more than 15% of the plan assets is to be invested in foreign securities, both equity and fixed. The expected long-term rate of return for the plan's total assets is based on the expected return of each of the above categories, weighted based on the median of the target allocation for each class.

At December 31, 2007, the benefits expected to be paid in each of the next five fiscal years, and in the aggregate for the five years thereafter are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
(In thousands)	
2008	\$ 1,862
2009	1,921
2010	1,999
2011	2,203
2012	2,598
2013 through 2017	18,642

During the third quarter of 2006, United contributed to the plan \$26.64 million, its maximum allowable contribution by law. As a result, employer contributions were not paid to the plan for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007.

The United Savings and Stock Investment Plan (the Plan) is a defined contribution plan under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. Each employee of United, who completes ninety (90) days of qualified service, is eligible to participate in the Plan. Each participant may contribute from 1% to 100% of compensation to his/her account, subject to Internal Revenue Service maximum deferral limits. After one year of eligible service, United matches 100% of the first 2% of salary deferred and 25% of the second 2% of salary deferred with United stock. Vesting is 100% for employee deferrals and the company match at the time the employee makes his/her deferral. United's expense relating to the Plan approximated \$776,000, \$723,000 and \$738,000 in 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

The assets of United's defined benefit plan and 401(k) Plan each include investments in United common stock. At December 31, 2007 and 2006, the combined plan assets included 732,732 and 731,120 shares, respectively, of United common stock with an approximate fair value of \$20,531,000 and \$28,257,000, respectively. Dividends paid on United common stock held by the plans approximated \$822,000, \$795,000 and \$764,000 for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively.

United has certain other supplemental deferred compensation plans covering various key employees. Periodic charges are made to operations so that the liability due each employee is fully recorded as of the date of their retirement. Amounts charged to expense have not been significant in any year.

## NOTE N--STOCK BASED COMPENSATION

United has stock option plans (the Plans) for certain employees that were accounted for under the intrinsic value method prior to January 1, 2006. Because the exercise price at the date of the grant was equal to the market value of the stock, no compensation expense was recognized. In December 2004, FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards 123R (SFAS 123R). SFAS 123R requires the measurement of all employee share-based payments to employees, including grants of employee stock options, using a fair-value based method and the recording of such expense in our consolidated statements of income.

## NOTE N--STOCK BASED COMPENSATION-- continued

On January 1, 2006, United adopted SFAS 123R, as required, using the modified prospective transition method. Under this transition method, compensation cost to be recognized beginning in the first quarter of 2006 would include: (a) compensation cost for all share-based payments granted prior to, but not yet vested as of January 1, 2006, based on the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the original provisions of SFAS 123, and (b) compensation cost for all share-based payments granted subsequent to January 1, 2006, based on the grant-date fair value estimated in accordance with the provisions of SFAS 123R. Results for prior periods were not restated.

On December 30, 2005, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of United approved the accelerated vesting of all unvested stock options granted prior to December 30, 2005 to United employees, including Executive Officers, under the 2001 Stock Option Plan. As a result of the vesting acceleration, options to purchase 547,626 shares of United common stock became exercisable immediately. United recognized a pre-tax expense of approximately \$21 thousand in the fourth quarter of 2005 for those accelerated options that were "in-the-money", that is, the option's exercise price was less than the market value of United's stock. Due to the modification to accelerate the unvested options, United did not recognize any compensation cost for the year 2006. In addition, no new options were granted in 2006. Accordingly, the adoption of SFAS 123R had no impact on United's consolidated statements of income or net income per share in 2005 and 2006. In the year of 2007, 244,550 options were granted resulting in the recognition of compensation expense of \$91,000.

At its March 20, 2006 regular meeting, United's Board of Directors approved the adoption of the 2006 Stock Option Plan and directed that the 2006 Stock Option Plan be submitted to United's shareholders for approval at its Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the 2006 Annual Meeting). At the 2006 Annual Meeting, held on May 15, 2006, United's shareholders approved the 2006 Stock Option Plan. The 2006 Stock Option Plan thus became effective at the time of the shareholders' approval. A total of 1,500,000 shares of United's authorized but unissued common stock are allocated for the 2006 Stock Option Plan. Each plan year, 400,000 options will be available for award to eligible employees; however, not all 400,000 options are required to be awarded in that year. All options granted under the 2006 Stock Option Plan will be non-statutory stock options (NSOs), i.e. options that do not qualify as incentive stock options under Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code. Subject to certain change in control provisions, recipients of options will be fully vested in and permitted to exercise options granted under the 2006 Stock Option Plan three years from the grant date. As of December 31, 2007, 244,550 shares have been granted under the 2006 Stock Option Plan.

United currently has options outstanding from various option plans other than the 2006 Stock Option Plan (the Prior Plans); however, no common shares of United stock are available for grants under the Prior Plans as these plans have expired. Awards outstanding under the Prior Plans will remain in effect in accordance with their respective terms. The maximum term for options granted under the plans is ten (10) years.

The fair value of the options for 2007 and 2005 was estimated at the date of grant using a binomial lattice option pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions: risk-free interest rates of 4.09% and 4.47%; dividend yield of 3.00%; volatility factors of the expected market price of United's common stock of 0.2954 and 0.2226; and a weighted-average expected option life of 5.89 years and 6.06 years, respectively. The estimated fair value of the options at the date of grant was \$7.06 and \$7.26 for the options granted during 2007 and 2005, respectively. As mentioned before, no options were granted in 2006. SFAS 123R defines a lattice model as a model that produces an estimated fair value based on the assumed changes in prices of a financial instrument over successive periods of time. A binomial lattice model assumes at least two price movements are possible in each period of time.

**NOTE N—STOCK BASED COMPENSATION— continued**

The following table reflects the estimated impact the fair value method would have had on United's net income and net income per share if SFAS 123R had been in effect during 2005. The pro forma disclosures set forth below present United's consolidated net income and diluted consolidated earnings per share, determined as if United had recognized compensation expense for its employee stock options based on the estimated fair value of the options at the date of grant amortized over the vesting period of the options:

(Dollars in thousand, except per share)	<b>Year ended December 31, 2005</b>
Net Income, as reported	\$100,409
Less pro forma expense related to options granted, net of tax	<u>(3,496)</u>
Pro forma net income	<u>\$96,913</u>
Pro forma net income per share:	
Basic – as reported	\$2.36
Basic – pro forma	\$2.28
Diluted – as reported	\$2.33
Diluted – pro forma	\$2.25

The following is a summary of activity of United's Incentive Stock Option Plans:

	<b>Year ended December 31, 2007</b>			
	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Aggregate Intrinsic Value</b>	<b>Remaining Contractual Term (Yrs.)</b>	<b>Weighted Average Exercise Price</b>
Outstanding at January 1, 2007	1,732,200			\$ 28.00
Granted	244,550			27.77
Exercised	238,671			18.59
Assumed in acquisition of subsidiary	224,528			13.95
Forfeited or expired	41,150			33.38
Outstanding at December 31, 2007	<u>1,921,457</u>	<u>\$ 6,603</u>	<u>5.6</u>	<u>\$ 27.38</u>
Exercisable at December 31, 2007	<u>1,676,907</u>	<u>\$ 6,542</u>	<u>5.0</u>	<u>\$ 27.32</u>

The following table summarizes the status of United's nonvested awards for the year ended December 31, 2007:

	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Weighted-Average Grant Date Fair Value Per Share</b>
Nonvested at January 1, 2007	---	---
Granted	244,550	\$ 7.06
Vested	---	---
Forfeited or expired	---	---
Nonvested at December 31, 2007	<u>244,550</u>	<u>\$ 7.06</u>

## **NOTE N--STOCK BASED COMPENSATION-- continued**

As of December 31, 2007, the total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested awards was \$1.64 million with a weighted-average expense recognition period of 2.83 years. The total fair value of awards vested during the year ended December 31, 2007, was zero as none of the awards granted in 2007 have vested.

In addition to the stock options detailed above, United has outstanding stock options related to a deferred compensation plan assumed in the 1998 merger with George Mason Bankshares, Inc. (GMBS). The stock options granted under this deferred compensation plan were to former directors of GMBS. These options carry no exercise cost, contain no expiration date, and are eligible for dividends. Other than additional options granted through reinvestment of dividends received, United does not issue additional options under this deferred compensation plan. Options outstanding at December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005 were 19,717, 19,087 and 23,794, respectively. Options granted through the reinvestment of dividends during 2007, 2006 and 2005 were 630, 639 and 689, respectively. No options were exercised during 2007 while 5,346 options were exercised in 2006. No options were exercised under this plan during 2005. United records compensation expense for this plan based on the number of options outstanding and United's quoted market price of its common stock with an equivalent adjustment to the associated liability. For the years of 2007, 2006, and 2005, compensation expense from these stock options was not significant. At December 2007 and 2006, the associated liability from these stock options was not significant.

Cash received from options exercised under the Plans for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005 was \$3.37 million, \$7.26 million, and \$3.23 million, respectively. During 2007 and 2006, 238,671 and 348,469 shares, respectively, were issued in connection with stock option exercises. All shares issued in connection with stock option exercises were issued from available treasury stock for 2007 and 2006. The weighted-average grant-date fair value of options granted in the year of 2007 was \$7.06. No options were granted in the year of 2006; therefore, the weighted-average grant-date fair value was zero. The weighted-average grant-date fair value of options granted during the year 2005 was \$7.26. The total intrinsic value of options exercised under the Plans during the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006, and 2005 was \$3.35 million, \$5.12 million, and \$3.05 million, respectively.

SFAS 123R also requires the benefits of tax deductions in excess of recognized compensation cost to be reported as a financing cash flow, rather than as an operating cash flow as required under previous standards. This requirement will reduce net operating cash flows and increase net financing cash flows in periods after adoption. While the company cannot estimate what those amounts will be in the future (because they depend on, among other things, the date employees exercise stock options), United recognized cash flows from financing activities of \$914 thousand and \$880 thousand from excess tax benefits related to share-based compensation for the year of 2007 and 2006, respectively. Cash flows of \$441 thousand from excess tax benefits related to share-based compensation were reported as operating activities for the year ended 2005.

## **NOTE O--COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

United is a party to financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of its customers and to alter its own exposure to fluctuations in interest rates. These financial instruments include loan commitments, standby letters of credit, and interest rate swap agreements. The instruments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit and interest rate risk in excess of the amount recognized in the financial statements.

United's maximum exposure to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the counterparty to the financial instrument for the loan commitments and standby letters of credit is the contractual or notional amount of those instruments. United uses the same policies in making commitments and conditional obligations as it does for on-balance sheet instruments. Collateral may be obtained, if deemed necessary, based on management's credit evaluation of the counterparty.

Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to a customer as long as there is no violation of any condition established in the commitment contract. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require the payment of a fee. Since many of the commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily, and historically do not, represent future cash requirements. The amount of collateral obtained, if deemed necessary upon the extension of credit, is based on management's credit evaluation of the counterparty.

## **NOTE O--COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES-- continued**

United had approximately \$1,945,818,000 and \$1,734,299,000 of loan commitments outstanding as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, substantially all of which expire within one year.

Commercial and standby letters of credit are agreements used by United's customers as a means of improving their credit standing in their dealings with others. Under these agreements, United guarantees certain financial commitments of its customers. A commercial letter of credit is issued specifically to facilitate trade or commerce. Typically, under the terms of a commercial letter of credit, a commitment is drawn upon when the underlying transaction is consummated as intended between the customer and a third party. United has issued commercial letters of credit of \$1,580,000 and \$525,000 as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. A standby letter of credit is generally contingent upon the failure of a customer to perform according to the terms of an underlying contract with a third party. United has issued standby letters of credit of \$144,314,000 and \$112,367,000 as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. In accordance with FIN 45, United has determined that substantially all of its letters of credit are renewed on an annual basis and the fees associated with these letters of credit are immaterial.

In the normal course of business, United and its subsidiaries are currently involved in various legal proceedings. Management is vigorously pursuing all its legal and factual defenses and, after consultation with legal counsel, believes that all such litigation will be resolved with no material effect on United's financial position.

## **NOTE P--DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

United uses derivative instruments to help aid against adverse prices or interest rate movements on the value of certain assets or liabilities and on future cash flows. These derivatives may consist of interest rate swaps, caps, floors, collars, futures, forward contracts, written and purchased options. United also executes derivative instruments with its commercial banking customers to facilitate its risk management strategies.

Under the provisions of SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities", derivative instruments designated in a hedge relationship to mitigate exposure to changes in the fair value of an asset, liability, or firm commitment attributable to a particular risk, such as interest rate risk, are considered fair value hedges under SFAS No. 133. Derivative instruments designated in a hedge relationship to mitigate exposure to variability in expected future cash flows, or other types of forecasted transactions, are considered cash flow hedges. As of December 31, 2007, United has both fair value hedges and cash flow hedges.

In December 2007, United terminated a fixed interest rate swap designated as a cash flow hedge associated with the repayment of a \$228.9 million variable interest rate FHLB advance that was being hedged. United recognized an \$8.90 million before-tax loss on the termination of the swap. United replaced the \$228.9 million of debt with a 3-year variable-interest rate FHLB advance and an associated fixed interest rate swap designated as a cash flow hedge.

In June 2007, United terminated two fixed interest rate swaps designated as cash flow hedges associated with the repayment of two \$100 million variable interest rate FHLB advances that were being hedged. United recognized a \$787 thousand before-tax gain on the termination of the swaps. In addition, United prepaid approximately \$28.9 million of a \$100 million long-term convertible FHLB advance. United replaced the \$228.9 million of debt with a 3-year variable-interest rate FHLB advance and an associated fixed interest rate swap designated as a cash flow hedge.

During the first quarter of 2006, as part of a balance sheet repositioning strategy, United terminated a fixed interest rate swap designated as a cash flow hedge associated with the repayment of \$50 million variable interest rate FHLB advance that was being hedged. United recognized a \$3.06 million before-tax gain on the termination of the swap. During the third quarter of 2006, United prepaid two \$100 million convertible FHLB advances and terminated an interest rate swap designated as a fair value hedge associated with one of the advances. The termination of the interest rate swap resulted in a before-tax loss of

**NOTE P--DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS--** continued

approximately \$7.66 million. United replaced the \$200 million of debt with two \$100 million advances and associated interest rate swaps which qualify as cash flow hedges.

The following tables set forth certain information regarding interest rate derivatives portfolio used for interest-rate risk management purposes and designated as accounting hedges under SFAS 133 at December 31, 2007 and 2006:

**Derivative Classifications and Hedging Relationships**

(In thousands)	December 31, 2007			December 31, 2006		
	Notional Amount	Derivative		Notional Amount	Derivative	
		Asset	Liability		Asset	Liability
Derivatives Designated as Fair Value Hedges:						
Hedging Commercial Loans	\$ 14,155	---	\$ 588	\$ 14,281	\$ 84	\$ 135
<b>Total Derivatives Designated as Fair Value Hedges:</b>	<b>\$ 14,155</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>\$ 588</b>	<b>\$ 14,281</b>	<b>\$ 84</b>	<b>\$ 135</b>
Derivatives Designated as Cash Flow Hedges:						
Hedging FHLB Borrowings	\$ 234,685	\$ 657	---	\$ 200,000	---	\$ 2,336
<b>Total Derivatives Designated as Cash Flow Hedges:</b>	<b>\$ 234,685</b>	<b>\$ 657</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>\$ 200,000</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>\$ 2,336</b>
<b>Total Derivatives Used in Interest Rate Risk Management and Designated in SFAS 133 Relationships:</b>	<b>\$ 248,840</b>	<b>\$ 657</b>	<b>\$ 588</b>	<b>\$ 214,281</b>	<b>\$ 84</b>	<b>\$ 2,471</b>

**Derivative Hedging Instruments**

(In thousands)	December 31, 2007				December 31, 2006			
	Notional Amount	Average Receive Rate	Average Pay Rate	Estimated Fair Value	Notional Amount	Average Receive Rate	Average Pay Rate	Estimated Fair Value
<b>Fair Value Hedges:</b>								
Pay Fixed Swap (Commercial Loans)	\$ 14,155	---	6.27%	\$ (588)	\$ 14,281	---	6.27%	\$ (51)
<b>Total Derivatives Used in Fair Value Hedges</b>	<b>\$ 14,155</b>			<b>\$ (588)</b>	<b>\$ 14,281</b>			<b>\$ (51)</b>
<b>Cash Flow Hedges:</b>								
Pay Fixed Swap (FHLB Borrowing)	\$ 234,685	---	3.79%	\$ 657	\$ 200,000	---	5.28%	\$ (2,336)
<b>Total Derivatives Used in Cash Flow Hedges</b>	<b>\$ 234,685</b>			<b>\$ 657</b>	<b>\$ 200,000</b>			<b>\$ (2,336)</b>
<b>Total Derivatives Used for Interest Rate Risk Management and Designated in SFAS 133 Relationships</b>	<b>\$ 248,840</b>			<b>\$ 69</b>	<b>\$ 214,281</b>			<b>\$ (2,387)</b>

**NOTE P--DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS--** continued

For the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, changes in the fair value of any interest rate swaps attributed to hedge ineffectiveness were not significant to United's Consolidated Statements of Income. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, \$2,545,000 and \$1,518,000, respectively, in net deferred losses, net of tax, related to cash flow hedges were recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income. During the next 12 months, United does not expect to reclassify into earnings any of the net deferred loss reported in other comprehensive income at December 31, 2007.

For the year of 2007 and 2005, the derivative portfolio also included derivative financial instruments not included in hedge relationships. These derivatives consist of interest rate swaps used for interest rate management purposes and derivatives executed with commercial banking customers to facilitate their interest rate management strategies. Gains and losses on other derivative financial instruments are included in noninterest income and noninterest expense, respectively. A summary of derivative financial instruments not in hedge relationships by type of activity are as follows:

(In thousands)	<b>Net Derivative Asset (Liability)</b>		<b>Net Gains (Losses)</b>		
	<b>As of December 31</b>		<b>For the Year Ended December 31</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>Other Derivative Instruments:</b>					
Interest Rate Risk Management	\$ 196	---	\$ 196	---	\$ 35
Customer Risk Management	(196)	---	(196)	---	(35)
<b>Total Other Derivative Instruments</b>	<b>\$ ---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>\$ ---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>\$ ---</b>

## NOTE Q--COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The changes in accumulated other comprehensive income are as follows:

(In thousands)	For the Years Ended December 31		
	2007	2006	2005
Net Income	\$ 90,674	\$ 89,249	\$ 100,409
Securities available for sale:			
Net change in unrealized gains (losses) gains on available for sale securities arising during the period	65	4,831	(24,125)
Related income tax (expense) benefit	(23)	(1,691)	8,444
Net reclassification adjustment for losses (gains) included in net income	68	3,176	(695)
Related income tax (benefit) expense	(24)	(1,112)	243
Net effect on other comprehensive income (loss)	86	5,204	(16,133)
Securities held to maturity:			
Unrealized loss related to the call of securities previously transferred from available for sale to the held to maturity investment portfolio	1,197	---	---
Related income tax benefit	(419)	---	---
Accretion on the unrealized loss for securities transferred from the available for sale to the held to maturity investment portfolio	383	671	758
Related income tax expense	(134)	(235)	(265)
Net effect on other comprehensive income	1,027	436	493
Cash flow hedge derivatives:			
Unrealized (loss) gain on cash flow hedge	(3,915)	(2,336)	2,077
Related income tax expense (benefit)	1,370	817	(727)
Termination of cash flow hedge	6,909	(2,077)	---
Related income tax (benefit) expense	(2,418)	727	---
Net effect on other comprehensive income (loss)	1,946	(2,869)	1,350
FASB 158 pension plan:			
Amortization of transition asset	(175)	---	---
Related income tax expense	70	---	---
Amortization of prior service cost	1	---	---
Related income tax benefit	---	---	---
Recognized net actuarial loss	593	---	---
Related income tax benefit	(237)	---	---
Net effect on other comprehensive income	252	---	---
Total change in other comprehensive income	3,311	2,771	(14,290)
Total Comprehensive Income	\$ 93,985	\$ 92,020	\$ 86,119

## NOTE R--UNITED BANKSHARES, INC. (PARENT COMPANY ONLY) FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### Condensed Balance Sheets

(In thousands)	December 31	
	2007	2006
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and due from banks	\$23,848	\$23,636
Securities available for sale	6,999	7,257
Securities held to maturity	6,110	6,130
Other investment securities	1,247	1,317
Loans	---	457
Investment in subsidiaries:		
Bank subsidiaries	879,228	681,693
Nonbank subsidiaries	6,638	4,677
Other assets	6,027	5,503
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$930,097</b>	<b>\$730,670</b>
<b>Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>		
Junior subordinated debentures of subsidiary trusts	\$139,178	\$67,013
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	29,720	29,565
Shareholders' equity (including other accumulated comprehensive loss of \$12,480 and \$15,791 at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively)	761,199	634,092
<b>Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>	<b>\$930,097</b>	<b>\$730,670</b>

### Condensed Statements of Income

(In thousands)	Year Ended December 31		
	2007	2006	2005
<b>Income</b>			
Dividends from banking subsidiaries	\$101,294	\$89,854	\$87,340
Net interest income	683	696	561
Management fees:			
Bank subsidiaries	10,050	10,128	9,292
Nonbank subsidiaries	22	15	14
Other income	186	253	453
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>112,235</b>	<b>100,946</b>	<b>97,660</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Interest paid on short-term borrowings	---	---	16
Operating expenses	18,226	14,889	12,715
Income Before Income Taxes and Equity in Undistributed Net Income of Subsidiaries	94,009	86,057	84,929
Applicable income tax benefit	(3,219)	(1,176)	(864)
Income Before Equity in Undistributed Net Income of Subsidiaries	97,228	87,233	85,793
Equity in undistributed net income of subsidiaries:			
Bank subsidiaries	(6,350)	1,965	14,539
Nonbank subsidiaries	(204)	51	77
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$90,674</b>	<b>\$89,249</b>	<b>\$100,409</b>

**NOTE R--UNITED BANKSHARES, INC. (PARENT COMPANY ONLY) FINANCIAL INFORMATION -**  
continued

**Condensed Statements of Cash Flows**

(In thousands)

	<b>Year Ended December 31</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>Operating Activities</b>			
Net income from continuing operations	\$90,674	\$89,249	\$100,409
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Equity in undistributed net income of subsidiaries	6,553	(2,016)	(14,616)
Depreciation and net amortization	(1)	(14)	2
Amortization of net periodic pension costs	20	---	---
Stock-based compensation	91	---	21
Net loss on securities transactions	(235)	(322)	(453)
Net change in other assets and liabilities	(2,005)	(1,903)	(593)
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b>95,097</b>	<b>84,994</b>	<b>84,770</b>
<b>Investing Activities</b>			
Net (purchases of) proceeds from sales of securities	(315)	789	2,410
Net cash paid in acquisition of subsidiary	(98,142)	---	---
Increases in investment in subsidiaries	(2,474)	---	---
Repayment on loan balances by customers	457	570	540
Change in other investment securities	70	59	(315)
<b>Net Cash (Used in) Provided by Investing Activities</b>	<b>(100,404)</b>	<b>1,418</b>	<b>2,635</b>
<b>Financing Activities</b>			
Net repayment of from subsidiary trusts	(10,000)	---	---
Net advances from subsidiary trusts	82,475	---	---
Cash dividends paid	(46,424)	(45,067)	(44,409)
Acquisition of treasury stock	(24,889)	(47,607)	(41,289)
Distribution of treasury stock for deferred compensation plan	76	35	39
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation arrangements	914	880	---
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	3,367	7,261	3,233
<b>Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Financing Activities</b>	<b>5,519</b>	<b>(84,498)</b>	<b>(82,426)</b>
Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	212	1,914	4,979
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	23,636	21,722	16,743
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year</b>	<b>\$23,848</b>	<b>\$23,636</b>	<b>\$21,722</b>

## NOTE S—REGULATORY MATTERS

The subsidiary banks are required to maintain average reserve balances with their respective Federal Reserve Bank. The average amount of those reserve balances maintained and required for the year ended December 31, 2007, were approximately \$19,018,000 and \$15,674,000, respectively. The average amount of those reserve balances maintained and required for the year ended December 31, 2006, was approximately \$43,340,000 and \$40,862,000, respectively.

The primary source of funds for the dividends paid by United Bankshares, Inc. to its shareholders is dividends received from its subsidiary banks. Dividends paid by United's subsidiary banks are subject to certain regulatory limitations. Generally, the most restrictive provision requires regulatory approval if dividends declared in any year exceed that year's net income, as defined, plus the retained net profits of the two preceding years.

During 2008, the retained net profits available for distribution to United Bankshares, Inc. by its banking subsidiaries as dividends without regulatory approval, are approximately \$11,397,000, plus net income for the interim period through the date of declaration.

Under Federal Reserve regulation, the banking subsidiaries are also limited as to the amount they may loan to affiliates, including the parent company. Loans from the banking subsidiaries to the parent company are limited to 10% of the banking subsidiaries' capital and surplus, as defined, or \$58,354,000 at December 31, 2007, and must be secured by qualifying collateral.

United's subsidiary banks are subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by federal banking agencies. Pursuant to capital adequacy guidelines, United's subsidiary banks must meet specific capital guidelines that involve various quantitative measures of the banks' assets, liabilities, and certain off-balance-sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. United's subsidiary banks' capital amounts and classifications are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk weightings, and other factors.

Quantitative measures established by regulation to ensure capital adequacy require United to maintain minimum amounts and ratios of total and Tier I capital, as defined in the regulations, to risk-weighted assets, as defined, and of Tier I capital, as defined, to average assets, as defined. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory and possibly additional discretionary actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on United's financial statements. As of December 31, 2007, United exceeds all capital adequacy requirements to which it is subject.

At December 31, 2007, the most recent notification from its regulators, United and its subsidiary banks were categorized as well-capitalized. To be categorized as well-capitalized, United must maintain minimum total risk-based, Tier I risk-based, and Tier I leverage ratios as set forth in the following table. There are no conditions or events since that notification that management believes would impact United's well-capitalized status.

**NOTE S--REGULATORY MATTERS – continued**

United's and its subsidiary banks', United Bank (WV) and United Bank (VA), capital amounts (in thousands of dollars) and ratios are presented in the following table.

	Actual		For Capital Adequacy Purposes		To Be Well-Capitalized	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
<b>As of December 31, 2007:</b>						
Total Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets):						
United Bankshares	\$697,951	10.8%	\$519,046	≥8.0%	\$648,807	≥10.0%
United Bank (WV)	336,173	10.3%	260,296	≥8.0%	325,370	≥10.0%
United Bank (VA)	336,037	10.2%	263,010	≥8.0%	328,762	≥10.0%
Tier I Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets):						
United Bankshares	630,407	9.7%	259,523	≥4.0%	389,284	≥6.0%
United Bank (WV)	305,114	9.4%	130,148	≥4.0%	195,222	≥6.0%
United Bank (VA)	302,852	9.2%	131,505	≥4.0%	197,257	≥6.0%
Tier I Capital (to Average Assets):						
United Bankshares	630,407	8.5%	297,864	≥4.0%	372,331	≥5.0%
United Bank (WV)	305,114	7.7%	157,916	≥4.0%	197,395	≥5.0%
United Bank (VA)	302,852	8.4%	144,547	≥4.0%	180,684	≥5.0%
<b>As of December 31, 2006:</b>						
Total Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets):						
United Bankshares	\$613,171	11.2%	\$439,760	≥8.0%	\$549,699	≥10.0%
United Bank (WV)	329,701	10.8%	244,230	≥8.0%	305,288	≥10.0%
United Bank (VA)	263,874	10.9%	194,077	≥8.0%	242,597	≥10.0%
Tier I Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets):						
United Bankshares	551,822	10.0%	219,880	≥4.0%	329,820	≥6.0%
United Bank (WV)	297,963	9.8%	122,115	≥4.0%	183,173	≥6.0%
United Bank (VA)	237,741	9.8%	97,039	≥4.0%	145,558	≥6.0%
Tier I Capital (to Average Assets):						
United Bankshares	551,822	8.6%	256,490	≥4.0%	320,613	≥5.0%
United Bank (WV)	297,963	8.0%	148,400	≥4.0%	185,500	≥5.0%
United Bank (VA)	237,741	8.6%	110,279	≥4.0%	137,849	≥5.0%

**NOTE T--FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The following methods and assumptions were used by United in estimating its fair value disclosures for financial instruments:

**Cash and Cash Equivalents:** The carrying amounts reported in the balance sheet for cash and cash equivalents approximate those assets' fair values.

**Securities:** The estimated fair values of securities are based on quoted market prices, where available. If quoted market prices are not available, fair values are based on quoted market prices of comparable instruments.

## NOTE T—FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS - continued

**Loans:** The fair values of certain mortgage loans (e.g., one-to-four family residential), credit card loans, and other consumer loans are based on quoted market prices of similar loans sold in conjunction with securitization transactions, adjusted for differences in loan characteristics. The fair values of other loans (e.g., commercial real estate and rental property mortgage loans, commercial and industrial loans, financial institution loans and agricultural loans) are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses, using interest rates currently being offered for loans with similar terms to borrowers of similar creditworthiness. The estimated fair value of loans held for sale is based upon the market price of similar loans which is not materially different than cost due to the short time duration between origination and sale.

**Derivative Financial Instruments:** The estimated fair value of derivative financial instruments is based upon the current market price for similar instruments.

**Off-Balance Sheet Instruments:** Fair values of United's loan commitments are based on fees currently charged to enter into similar agreements, taking into account the remaining terms of the agreements and the counterparties' credit standing. The estimated fair values of these commitments approximate their carrying values.

**Deposits:** The fair values of demand deposits (e.g., interest and noninterest checking, regular savings and certain types of money market accounts) are, by definition, equal to the amount payable on demand at the reporting date (i.e., their carrying amounts). The carrying amounts of variable-rate, fixed-term money market accounts and certificates of deposit approximate their fair values at the reporting date. Fair values of fixed-rate certificates of deposit are estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation that applies interest rates currently being offered on certificates to a schedule of aggregated expected monthly maturities on time deposits.

**Short-term Borrowings:** The carrying amounts of federal funds purchased, borrowings under repurchase agreements and other short-term borrowings approximate their fair values.

**Long-term Borrowings:** The fair values of United's Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings and trust preferred securities are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses, based on United's current incremental borrowing rates for similar types of borrowing arrangements.

The estimated fair values of United's financial instruments are summarized below:

(In thousands)	December 31, 2007		December 31, 2006	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 230,651	\$ 230,651	\$ 259,013	\$ 259,013
Securities available for sale	1,156,561	1,156,561	1,010,252	1,010,252
Securities held to maturity	157,228	158,165	212,296	215,678
Other Securities	80,975	80,975	52,922	52,922
Loans held for sale	1,270	1,270	2,041	2,041
Loans	5,793,484	5,893,751	4,806,747	4,759,532
Derivative financial assets	657	657	84	84
Deposits	5,349,750	5,383,443	4,828,192	4,823,803
Short-term borrowings	1,036,063	1,036,063	682,266	682,034
Long-term borrowings	774,162	782,186	499,200	510,542
Derivative financial liabilities	588	588	2,471	2,471

## NOTE U--QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA (UNAUDITED)

Quarterly financial data for 2007 and 2006 is summarized below (dollars in thousands, except for per share data):

	<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>4th Quarter</u>
<b>2007</b>				
Interest income	\$100,622	\$101,702	\$117,309	\$119,096
Interest expense	47,960	48,882	58,197	58,271
Net interest income	52,662	52,820	59,112	60,825
Provision for credit losses	350	850	1,550	2,580
Mortgage banking income	161	162	124	80
Securities losses, net	157	165	172	(562)
Other noninterest income	14,598	16,198	17,030	9,464
Noninterest expense	31,495	32,496	39,022	44,916
Income taxes	11,326	11,487	10,063	6,359
Net income (1)	24,407	24,512	25,803	15,952
<u>Per share data:</u>				
Average shares outstanding (000s):				
Basic	40,946	40,677	42,732	43,216
Diluted	41,272	40,936	42,998	43,439
Net income per share:				
Basic	\$0.60	\$0.60	\$0.60	\$0.37
Diluted	\$0.59	\$0.60	\$0.60	\$0.37
Dividends per share	\$0.28	\$0.28	\$0.28	\$0.29
<b>2006</b>				
Interest income	\$95,581	\$100,461	\$102,435	\$102,206
Interest expense	40,560	44,881	47,506	48,143
Net interest income	55,021	55,580	54,929	54,063
Provision for credit losses	250	348	571	268
Mortgage banking income	229	150	236	240
Securities gains (losses), net	(2,838)	(99)	(134)	(105)
Other noninterest income	16,271	14,374	6,112	14,597
Noninterest expense	32,188	32,163	40,214	32,608
Income taxes	11,635	12,035	6,193	10,904
Net income (1)	24,610	25,459	14,165	25,015
<u>Per share data:</u>				
Average shares outstanding (000s):				
Basic	41,924	41,684	41,374	41,157
Diluted	42,379	42,084	41,775	41,558
Net income per share:				
Basic	\$0.59	\$0.61	\$0.34	\$0.61
Diluted	\$0.58	\$0.60	\$0.34	\$0.60
Dividends per share	\$0.27	\$0.27	\$0.27	\$0.28

(1) For further information, see the related discussion "Quarterly Results" included in Management's Discussion and Analysis.

**Item 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES**

This item is omitted since it is not applicable.

**Item 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

United Bankshares, Inc. (the Company) maintains controls and procedures designed to ensure that it is able to collect the information it is required to disclose in the reports it files with the SEC, and to process, summarize and disclose this information within the time periods specified in the rules of the SEC. Based on an evaluation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report conducted by the Company's management, with the participation of the Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer believe that these controls and procedures are effective to ensure that the Company is able to collect, process and disclose the information it is required to disclose in the reports it files with the SEC within the required time periods.

Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management's Report on internal control over financial reporting and the audit report of Ernst & Young LLP, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, on internal control over financial reporting is included on pages 43-44 of this report and are incorporated in this Item 9A by reference.

Changes In Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There have not been any changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2007 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 9B. OTHER INFORMATION**

None

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**Item 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

Information regarding directors and executive officers of the registrant including their reporting compliance under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is incorporated by reference from United's definitive proxy statement for the 2008 Annual Meeting of Shareholders under the caption "Directors Whose Terms Expire in 2008 and Nominees for Directors" under the heading "PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS", under the captions "Beneficial Ownership of Directors and Named Executive Officers" and "Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance" under the heading "COMMON STOCK OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT" and under the captions "Executive Officers" and "Family Relationships" under the heading "GOVERNANCE OF THE COMPANY."

United has adopted a code of ethics for its Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Controller and persons performing similar functions of the registrant in accordance with Section 406 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. A copy of the code of ethics is posted on United's web site at [www.ubsi-inc.com](http://www.ubsi-inc.com).

Information related to the registrant's audit committee and its financial expert in accordance with Section 407 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 is incorporated by reference from United's definitive proxy statement for the 2008 Annual Meeting of Shareholders under the captions "The Audit Committee" and the "Audit Committee Financial Expert" under the heading "GOVERNANCE OF THE COMPANY."

Since the disclosure of the procedures in the definitive proxy statement for the 2007 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, United has not adopted any changes to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to United's Board of Directors as set forth in Article II, Section 5 of the Restated Bylaws of United.

**Item 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

Information regarding executive compensation is incorporated by reference from United's definitive proxy statement for the 2008 Annual Meeting of Shareholders under the heading of "EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION", under the heading "COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CD&A)", under the caption of "Director Compensation" under the heading "GOVERNANCE OF THE COMPANY", and under the heading "REPORT OF THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION."

**Item 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS**

Information regarding security ownership of certain beneficial owners and management and securities authorized under equity compensation plans is incorporated by reference from United's definitive proxy statement for the 2008 Annual Meeting of Shareholders under the caption "Directors Whose Terms Expire in 2008 and Nominees for Directors" under the heading "PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS" and under the captions "Beneficial Ownership of Directors and Named Executive Officers", "Principal Shareholders of United" and "Related Shareholder Matters" under the heading "COMMON STOCK OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT."

**Item 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE**

Information regarding certain relationships and related transactions is incorporated by reference from United's definitive proxy statement for the 2008 Annual Meeting of Shareholders under the captions of "Related Party Transactions" and "Independence of Directors" under the heading "GOVERNANCE OF THE COMPANY."

**Item 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES**

Information regarding approval of audit and non-audit services by the audit committee as well as fees paid to auditors is incorporated by reference from United's definitive proxy statement for the 2008 Annual Meeting of Shareholders under the captions "Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures" and "Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Fees Information" under the heading "AUDIT COMMITTEE AND INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM."

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**Item 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES**

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(1) Financial Statements

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(2) Financial Statement Schedules

United is not filing separate financial statement schedules because of the absence of conditions under which they are required or because the required information is included in the consolidated financial statements or notes thereto.

(3) Exhibits Required by Item 601

Listing of Exhibits - See the Exhibits' Index on page 94 of this Form 10-K.

(b) Exhibits -- The exhibits to this Form 10-K begin on page 98.

(c) Consolidated Financial Statement Schedules -- All other schedules for which provision is made in the applicable accounting regulation of the Securities and Exchange Commission are not required under the related instructions or are inapplicable or pertain to items as to which the required disclosures have been made elsewhere in the financial statements and notes thereto, and therefore have been omitted.

All reports filed electronically by United with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), including the annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, and current reports on Form 8-K, as well as any amendments to those reports, are accessible at no cost on United's web site at [ubsi-inc.com](http://ubsi-inc.com). These filings are also accessible on the SEC's web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

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#### Footnotes

- (a) Incorporated into this filing by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Form 8-K dated January 26, 2007 and filed January 29, 2007 for United Bankshares, Inc., File No. 01-13322.
- (b) Incorporated into this filing by reference to Exhibit 10 of the 1985 Form 10-K for Intermountain Bankshares, Inc., File No. 0-12356.
- (c) Incorporated into this filing by reference to Exhibits to the 1989 10-K for United Bankshares, Inc., File No. 0-13322.
- (d) Incorporated into this filing by reference to Exhibits to the 1990 10-K for United Bankshares, Inc., File No. 0-13322.
- (e) Incorporated into this filing by reference to Exhibits to the 1991 10-K for United Bankshares, Inc., File No. 0-13322.

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- (f) Incorporated into this filing by reference to Exhibits to the 1993 10-K for United Bankshares, Inc., File No. 0-13322.
- (g) Incorporated into this filing by reference to Exhibits to the 2001 10-K for United Bankshares, Inc., File No. 0-13322.
- (h) Incorporated into this filing by reference to Part II of Form S-4 Registration Statement of United Bankshares, Inc., Registration No. 33-106890 filed July 9, 2003.
- (i) Incorporated into this filing by reference to Exhibits to the 2003 10-K for United Bankshares, Inc., File No. 0-13322.
- (j) Incorporated into this filing by reference to Exhibits to the March 31, 2004 10-Q for United Bankshares, Inc., File No. 0-13322.
- (k) Incorporated into this filing by reference to a Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 20, 2006 and filed March 23, 2006 for United Bankshares, Inc., File No. 0-13322.
- (l) Incorporated into this filing by reference to a Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 17, 2005 and filed November 23, 2005 for United Bankshares, Inc., File No. 0-13322.
- (m) Incorporated into this filing by reference to a Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 30, 2005 and filed January 5, 2006 for United Bankshares, Inc., File No. 0-13322.
- (n) Incorporated into this filing by reference to a Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 1, 2007 and filed November 7, 2007 for United Bankshares, Inc., File No. 0-13322.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

UNITED BANKSHARES, INC.  
(Registrant)

/s/ Richard M. Adams  
Chairman of the Board

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signatures	Title	Date
<u>/s/ Richard M. Adams</u>	Chairman of the Board, Director, and Chief Executive Officer	February 26, 2008
<u>/s/ Steven E. Wilson</u>	Chief Financial Officer Chief Accounting Officer	February 26, 2008
<u>/s/ Robert G. Astorg</u>	Director	February 26, 2008
<u>/s/ Theodore J. Georgelas</u>	Director	February 26, 2008
<u>/s/ P. Clinton Winter, Jr.</u>	Director	February 26, 2008
<u>/s/ Thomas J. Blair III</u>	Director	February 26, 2008
<u>/s/ Donald L. Unger</u>	Director	February 26, 2008
<u>/s/ I. N. Smith, Jr.</u>	Director	February 26, 2008
<u>/s/ Russell L. Isaacs</u>	Director	February 26, 2008
<u>/s/ William C. Pitt, III</u>	Director	February 26, 2008
<u>/s/ Mary K. Weddle</u>	Director	February 26, 2008
<u>/s/ F. T. Graff, Jr.</u>	Director	February 26, 2008
<u>/s/ Lawrence K. Doll</u>	Director	February 26, 2008
<u>/s/ J. Paul McNamara</u>	Director	February 26, 2008
<u>/s/ W. Gaston Caperton, III</u>	Director	February 26, 2008

## Exhibit 12

### Computation of Ratios

Net Income Per Share	=	Net Income/Average Common Shares Outstanding
Cash Dividends Per Share	=	Dividends Paid/Actual Common Shares Outstanding
Book Value Per Share	=	Total Shareholders' Equity/Actual Common Shares Outstanding
Return on Average Assets	=	Net Income/Average Assets
Return on Average Shareholders' Equity	=	Net Income/Average Shareholders' Equity
Net Interest Margin	=	Net Interest Income/Average Earning Assets
Noninterest Expense to Average Assets	=	Noninterest Expense/Average Assets
Efficiency Ratio	=	(Noninterest Expense-Other Real Estate Owned Expense-Amortization of Intangibles)/(Net Interest Income + Noninterest Income-Security Losses)
Average Loans to Deposits	=	Average Net Loans/Average Deposits Outstanding
Dividend Payout	=	Dividends Declared/Net Income
Average Shareholders' Equity to Average Assets	=	Average Shareholders' Equity/Average Assets
Tier I Capital Ratio	=	Shareholders' Equity – Net Unrealized Gains on Available for Sale Securities-Intangible Assets +Qualifying Capital Securities (Tier I Capital)/ Risk Adjusted Assets
Total Capital Ratio	=	(Tier I Capital +Qualifying Tier II Capital Securities +Allowance for Loan Losses +Qualifying Portion of Unrealized Gains on Available for Sale Marketable Equity Securities)/ Risk Adjusted Assets
Tier I Leverage Ratio	=	Tier I Capital/Average Assets
Net Charge-offs to Average Loans	=	(Gross Charge-offs – Recoveries)/ Average Net Loans
Non-performing Loans to Period End Loans	=	(Nonaccrual Loans + Loans Past Due 90 Days or Greater)/ Loans Net of Unearned Income
Non-performing Assets to Period End Assets	=	(Nonaccrual Loans + Loans Past Due 90 Days or Greater + Other Real Estate Owned)/Total Assets
Allowance for Loan Losses to Period End Loans	=	Loan Loss Reserve/Loans Net of Unearned Income
Allowance for Loan Losses to Non-Performing Loans	=	Loan Loss Reserve/(Nonaccrual Loans + Loans Past Due 90 days or Greater)

Exhibit 21

**SUBSIDIARIES OF THE REGISTRANT**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>STATE OF INCORPORATION</u>
UBC Holding Company, Inc.	West Virginia
United Bank, Inc.	West Virginia
United Brokerage Services, Inc.	West Virginia
United Real Estate Property Services, Inc.	West Virginia
United Venture Fund, Inc.	West Virginia
United Title Company	West Virginia
George Mason Bankshares, Inc.	Virginia
United Bank	Virginia
GMBS Capital Management Co.	Nevada
GMBS Investment Co., LLC	Nevada
UBC Capital Management, Co.	Nevada
UBC Investment Co., LLC	Nevada
United Asset Management Corp.	Nevada
United Loan Management Co.	Nevada
Century Capital Trust I	District of Columbia
United Statutory Trust II	Delaware
United Statutory Trust III	Connecticut
United Statutory Trust IV	Delaware
United Statutory Trust V	Delaware
United Statutory Trust VI	Delaware
Sequoia Trust I	Delaware

**SUBSIDIARIES OF THE REGISTRANT**  
**(continued)**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>STATE OF INCORPORATION</u>
Premier Statutory Trust II	Delaware
Premier Statutory Trust III	Delaware
Premier Statutory Trust IV	Delaware
Premier Statutory Trust V	Delaware

Exhibit 23

**Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

We consent to the use of our reports dated February 25, 2008, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of United Bankshares, Inc., and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of United Bankshares, Inc., included in this Annual Report (Form 10-K) of United Bankshares, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2007.

We also consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-138192) pertaining to the 2006 Stock Option Plan of United Bankshares, Inc., Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-106528) pertaining to the 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan of United Bankshares, Inc., and Registration Statement (Form S-8, No. 333-24241) pertaining to the 1996 Incentive Stock Option Plan of United Bankshares, Inc. of our reports dated February 25, 2008 with respect to the consolidated financial statements of United Bankshares, Inc., and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of United Bankshares, Inc., included in the Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2007.

*Ernst + Young LLP*

Charleston, WV  
February 25, 2008

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Richard M. Adams, Chief Executive Officer, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of United Bankshares, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.



Date: February 26, 2008

Richard M. Adams, Chairman of the Board  
and Chief Executive Officer

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Steven E. Wilson, Chief Financial Officer, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of United Bankshares, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.



Steven E. Wilson, Executive  
Vice President, Treasurer,  
Secretary and Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 26, 2008

Exhibit 32.1

**CERTIFICATION**

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, the undersigned officer of United Bankshares, Inc. (the "Company"), hereby certifies, to such officer's knowledge, that the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d), as applicable, of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.



Date: February 26, 2008

Name: Richard M. Adams  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

Exhibit 32.2

**CERTIFICATION**

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, the undersigned officer of United Bankshares, Inc. (the "Company"), hereby certifies, to such officer's knowledge, that the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d), as applicable, of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.



Date: February 26, 2008

Name: Steven E. Wilson  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

**END**

