

UNITED BANKSHARES INC/WV

Form 10-K

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**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, 2005**

**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: **None**

Securities registered pursuant to 12(g) of the Act:

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

(Title of Class)

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in rule 405 of the Securities Act. **Yes**  **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**

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**  **No**

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, or a non-accelerated filer as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act:

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

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

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, 2005, was approximately **\$1,312,927,097**.

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As of January 31, 2006, United Bankshares, Inc. had **41,940,052** shares of common stock outstanding with a par value of **\$2.50**.

Documents Incorporated By Reference

Definitive Proxy Statement dated April 7, 2006 for the 2006 Annual Shareholders Meeting to be held on May 15, 2006, portions of which are incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K.

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As of the date of filing this Annual report, neither the annual shareholders report for the year ended December 31, 2005, 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-six banking institutions. At December 31, 2005, 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 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, 2005, United and its subsidiaries had approximately 1,374 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-wv.com](http://www.ubsi-wv.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, 2005, United's consolidated assets approximated \$6.7 billion and total shareholders' equity approximated \$635 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.

**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

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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. (NASDAQ), 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, Telebanc, 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 \$231.6 million to \$4.65 billion in 2005. The loan portfolio is comprised of commercial, real estate and consumer loans including credit card and home equity loans. Commercial and commercial real estate loans increased \$70.27 million or 8.1% and \$62.54 million or 5.9%, respectively. Real estate construction loans increased \$43.76 million or 14.4% and single family residential real estate loans increased \$82.63 million or 5.0% for the year of 2005. Consumer loans decreased \$26.70 million or 6.6%. Interest and fees on loans for the years of 2005, 2004, and 2003 were \$274.88 million, \$229.15 million, and \$211.10 million, respectively.

As of December 31, 2005, approximately \$310.0 million or 6.7% 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.

**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

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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 carry many of the same customers and 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.

### **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.

### **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, 2005, the balance of mortgage loans being serviced by United for others was insignificant.

On July 7, 2004, United sold its primary mortgage banking subsidiary, George Mason Mortgage, LLC (Mason Mortgage), essentially exiting the wholesale mortgage banking business. On a smaller scale, United Bank (WV) continues to engage 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

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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 2005, United originated \$72.2 million of real estate loans for sale in the secondary market and sold \$72.9 million of loans designated as held for sale in the secondary market. Net gains on the sales of these loans during 2005 were \$1.1 million.

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. Additionally, United has a substantial amount of U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. Agencies and Corporations. Obligations of States and Political Subdivisions are comprised of municipal securities with an average quality of not less than an A rating. Interest and dividends on securities for the years of 2005, 2004, and 2003 were \$69.55 million, \$63.79 million, and \$60.37 million, respectively. United recognized net gains of \$695 thousand, \$1.1 million and \$1.8 million for the years of 2005, 2004, and 2003 respectively.

**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, Jefferson and Raleigh Counties in West Virginia; Lawrence, Belmont, Jefferson and Washington Counties in Ohio; Montgomery County in Maryland and Arlington, Alexandria, Loudoun, Prince William and Fairfax Counties in Virginia, located adjacent to the Washington, D.C. area, which is in close proximity to Jefferson and Berkeley Counties in West Virginia s eastern panhandle. 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. Metropolitan area. 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.



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As of December 31, 2005, there were 69 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 92 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 2005, West Virginia's unemployment rate was 4.2% while the national rate was 4.6%. The 4.2% unemployment rate was the lowest December rate on record for the state. The total number of unemployed residents was down 2,800 for the year of 2005 as compared to 2004. 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 northern Virginia subsidiary banking offices are located in markets that reflect very low unemployment rate levels and increased wage levels over a year ago. According to information available from the Virginia Employment Commission, Virginia's unemployment rate as of December 2005 was 3.0% with just 119,900 jobless workers. The 3.0% December 2005 unemployment rate was the lowest recorded in Virginia in fifty-five months. The December 2005 unemployment rate compares favorably with both the Virginia December 2004 jobless rate of 3.4% and the U.S. December 2005 unemployment level of 4.6%. The Northern Virginia metropolitan area's unemployment rate was at 2.1% in December 2005, the lowest among Virginia's ten metropolitan areas.

**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

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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 registered under and is subject to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Generally, United must file under the Securities Exchange Act of 1933 to issue additional shares of its common stock.

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 banks 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" within Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations .

**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, 2011.

**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 Arlington, Loudoun, Prince William and Fairfax. In addition, United has offices in the Washington, D.C. MSA and considers this part of its market. 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.

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**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, 2005, an aggregate of approximately \$17.34 million and \$31.18 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 and Northern 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. 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.

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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 ninety (90) full service offices fifty-two (52) offices located throughout West Virginia, thirty-five (35) offices throughout the Northern Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C. areas and three (3) in 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 and one each in Parkersburg, Morgantown, Charles Town and Clarksburg, all of 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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**Item 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES**

**Stock**

As of December 31, 2005, 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 2,312,653 shares held as treasury shares. The outstanding shares are held by approximately 5,943 shareholders of record, as well as 6,525 shareholders in street name as of January 31, 2006. 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.

At its August 2004 Board of Directors meeting, a stock repurchase plan was approved whereby United could buy up to 1,775,000 shares of its common stock in the open market. During 2005, 1,151,300 shares were repurchased under the plan while 16,700 shares were repurchased to complete an earlier plan approved in 2003 to repurchase up to 1,650,000 shares.

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 \$1.05 per share in 2005, \$1.02 per share in 2004 and \$1.00 per share in 2003. Dividends are paid from funds legally available, therefore the payment of dividends is subject to the restrictions set forth in the West Virginia Corporation Act. 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 R - Notes to

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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, National Market (NASDAQ) under the trading symbol UBSI.

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:

	Dividends	High	Low
2006			
First Quarter through January 31, 2006	\$ 0.27(1)	\$ 38.50	\$ 34.46
2005			
Fourth Quarter	\$ 0.27	\$ 38.55	\$ 32.34
Third Quarter	\$ 0.26	\$ 38.47	\$ 33.91
Second Quarter	\$ 0.26	\$ 36.45	\$ 29.82
First Quarter	\$ 0.26	\$ 38.62	\$ 32.00
2004			
Fourth Quarter	\$ 0.26	\$ 39.35	\$ 34.36
Third Quarter	\$ 0.26	\$ 36.09	\$ 30.35
Second Quarter	\$ 0.25	\$ 33.67	\$ 29.15
First Quarter	\$ 0.25	\$ 31.60	\$ 29.36

(1) On January 26, 2006, United declared a dividend of \$0.27 per share, payable April 1, 2006, to shareholders of record as of March 10, 2006.

**Issuer Repurchases**

The table below includes certain information regarding United's purchase of its common shares during the three months ended December 31, 2005:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	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)
(1) (2)				
10/01 10/31/2005	100,041	\$ 34.29	946,300	828,700
11/01 11/30/2005	107,542	\$ 37.33	1,046,300	728,700
12/01 12/31/2005	105,040	\$ 37.49	1,151,300	623,700
Total	312,623	\$ 36.41		

- (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, 2005, the following shares were exchanged by participants in United's stock option plans: November 2005 7,445 shares at an average price of \$37.91.

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- (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, 2005, the following shares were purchased for the deferred compensation plan: October 2005 41 shares at an average price of \$37.28; November 2005 97 shares at an average price of \$34.71; and December 2005 40 shares at an average price of \$38.36.
- (3) In August of 2004, United's Board of Directors approved a repurchase plan to repurchase up to 1.775 million shares of United's common stock on the open market. 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.



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The following consolidated selected financial data is derived from United's audited financial statements as of and for the five years ended December 31, 2005. 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)	<b>Five Year Summary</b>				
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
<b>Summary of Operations:</b>					
Total interest income	\$ 345,278	\$ 293,350	\$ 272,520	\$ 323,483	\$ 348,923
Total interest expense	124,451	88,914	95,504	129,175	171,828
Net interest income	220,827	204,436	177,016	194,308	177,095
Provision for loan losses	5,618	4,520	7,475	8,937	12,833
Other income	52,625	54,231	52,084	37,787	36,685
Other expense	121,160	137,061	129,538	109,728	93,223
Income taxes	46,265	33,771	28,010	35,211	35,600
Income from continuing operations	100,409	83,315	64,077	78,219	72,124
Income from discontinued operations before income taxes		20,780	20,433	14,903	11,006
Income taxes		6,333	5,745	4,189	3,139
Income from discontinued operations		14,447	14,688	10,714	7,867
Net Income	100,409	97,762	78,765	88,933	79,991
Cash dividends	44,575	44,228	42,028	40,388	38,096
<b>Per common share:</b>					
Income from continuing operations:					
Basic	2.36	1.92	1.52	1.84	1.74
Diluted	2.33	1.89	1.50	1.81	1.71
Income from discontinued operations:					
Basic		0.33	0.35	0.25	0.19
Diluted		0.33	0.35	0.25	0.19
Net income:					
Basic	2.36	2.25	1.87	2.09	1.93
Diluted	2.33	2.22	1.85	2.06	1.90
Cash dividends	1.05	1.02	1.00	0.95	0.91
Book value per share	15.12	14.68	14.08	12.88	11.80
<b>Selected Ratios:</b>					
Return on average shareholders' equity	15.66%	15.56%	13.86%	16.73%	17.51%
Return on average assets	1.55%	1.55%	1.36%	1.59%	1.59%
Dividend payout ratio	44.39%	45.24%	53.39%	45.41%	47.63%
<b>Selected Balance Sheet Data:</b>					
Average assets	\$6,465,764	\$6,295,076	\$5,809,131	\$5,591,267	\$5,041,196
Investment securities	1,501,966	1,510,442	1,510,610	1,285,490	1,428,716
Loans held for sale	3,324	3,981	1,687	5,151	9,359
Total loans	4,649,829	4,418,276	3,955,234	3,501,188	3,502,334
Assets of discontinued operations			334,340	666,147	369,552
Total assets	6,728,492	6,435,971	6,387,730	5,797,662	5,635,890

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Total deposits	4,617,452	4,297,563	4,138,487	3,815,830	3,738,639
Long-term borrowings	547,731	533,755	459,663	172,444	456,436
Liabilities of discontinued operations			300,754	638,884	348,778
Total liabilities	6,093,287	5,804,464	5,772,539	5,256,123	5,129,361
Shareholders equity	635,205	631,507	615,191	541,539	506,529

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**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.

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.

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. The number of shares and exercise prices and other relevant terms of the options subject to the acceleration remained unchanged. As a result of the vesting acceleration, options to purchase 547,626 shares of United common stock became exercisable immediately. The grant prices ranged from \$30.20 to \$37.19. United feels the decision to accelerate the vesting of the options was in the best interests of shareholders as it will reduce United's reported compensation expense in future periods. Based on changes to the accounting rules relating to the expensing of stock options that became effective on January 1, 2006, United estimates that accelerating the vesting of the options, will eliminate pre-tax compensation expenses of approximately \$1.85 million, \$984 thousand and \$456 thousand, which otherwise would have been recognized in United's consolidated statements of income for the years ending December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, respectively. United recognized a pre-tax expense of approximately \$21 thousand in the fourth quarter of 2005 related to the accelerated vesting of the options.

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

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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.

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.

**2005 COMPARED TO 2004****FINANCIAL CONDITION SUMMARY**

United's total assets as of December 31, 2005 were \$6.73 billion, an increase of \$292.52 million or 4.55% from year end 2004. The increase in total assets was primarily due to an increase in portfolio loans of \$231.55 million or 5.24%. In addition, cash and cash equivalents increased \$54.50 million or 35.51%. These increases in loans and cash more than offset an \$8.48 million decrease in securities. The increase in total assets is reflected in a corresponding increase in total liabilities of \$288.82 million. The increase in total liabilities was due mainly to a \$319.90 million or 7.44%

increase in deposits.

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Borrowings decreased \$36.56 million or 2.54% for the year of 2005. Shareholders' equity increased \$3.70 million or less than 1% from year end 2004. The following discussion explains in more detail the changes in financial condition by major category.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents increased \$54.50 million or 35.51% from year end 2004. Of this total increase, cash and due from banks increased \$56.67 million and federal funds sold increased \$9.15 million while interest-bearing deposits with other banks decreased \$11.32 million. During the year of 2005, net cash of \$112.88 million and \$203.58 million was provided by operating activities and financing activities from continuing operations, respectively. Net cash of \$261.96 million was used in investing activities from continuing operations. Further details related to changes in cash and cash equivalents are presented in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

**Securities**

Total investment securities decreased \$8.48 million or less than 1% since year end 2004. Securities available for sale decreased \$2.54 million or less than 1.00%. This change reflects \$457.87 million in sales, maturities and calls of securities, \$485.81 million in purchases and a decrease of \$24.82 million in market value. Securities held to maturity declined \$5.94 million which was a decrease of 2.54%. This decrease was due to maturities and calls of securities within the portfolio of \$6.95 million during the year of 2005. 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 in continuing operations decreased \$657 thousand or 16.50% as loan sales in the secondary market exceeded loan originations for the year of 2005. Portfolio loans, net of unearned income, increased \$231.55 million or 5.24% since year end 2004. The increase in portfolio loans for 2005 was primarily attributable to growths in single-family residential loans, commercial loans, commercial real estate loans and construction loans of \$82.63 million or 4.97%, \$70.27 million or 8.13%, \$62.54 million or 5.88%, and \$43.76 million or 14.42%, respectively. Consumer loans declined \$26.70 million or 6.56%. The table below summarizes the change in the loan categories since year end 2004:

(Dollars in thousands)	<b>At December 31</b>			
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>\$ Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Loans held for sale	\$ 3,324	\$ 3,981	\$ (657)	(16.50%)
Commercial, financial, and agricultural	\$ 934,780	\$ 864,511	\$ 70,269	8.13%
Real Estate:				
Single family residential	1,745,824	1,663,198	82,626	4.97%
Commercial	1,126,095	1,063,554	62,541	5.88%
Construction	347,274	303,516	43,758	14.42%
Other	122,487	123,165	(678)	(0.55%)
Consumer	380,062	406,758	(26,696)	(6.56%)
Less: Unearned interest	(6,693)	(6,426)	(267)	4.15%
Total Loans, net of unearned interest	\$ 4,649,829	\$ 4,418,276	\$ 231,553	5.24%

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

**Other Assets**

Other assets increased \$13.10 million or 8.33% since year end 2004. This increase included a \$6.09 million increase in deferred tax assets related to the decline in market value of available for sale securities. In addition, prepaid pension assets increased \$3.67 million, the cash surrender value of bank owned life insurance policies increased \$4.54 million and the derivative asset related to a cash flow hedge increased \$2.15 million. Partially offsetting these increases in

other assets was a decline of \$2.29 million in core deposit intangibles due to amortization.

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Total deposits at December 31, 2005 increased \$319.89 million or 7.44% since year end 2004. In terms of composition, noninterest-bearing deposits increased \$74.34 million while interest-bearing deposits increased \$245.55 million from December 31, 2004. The increase in noninterest-bearing deposits was due mainly to a \$38.66 million or 9.27% increase in commercial demand deposits. The increase in interest-bearing deposits was due primarily to growth of \$160.62 million or 32.46% in certificate accounts (CDs) over \$100,000 due to higher interest rates. Brokered deposits accounted for \$36.69 million of this increase in CDs over \$100,000. CDs less than \$100,000 grew \$95.34 million or 8.65% for the year of 2005 also due to the higher interest rates. The table below summarizes the change in the deposit categories since year end 2004:

(Dollars In thousands)	At December 31		Amount Change	Percentage Change
	2005	2004		
Demand deposits	\$ 712,729	\$ 654,988	\$ 57,741	8.82%
Interest-bearing checking	163,717	152,262	11,455	7.52%
Regular savings	338,763	379,877	(41,114)	(10.82%)
Money market accounts	1,544,233	1,508,070	36,163	2.40%
Time deposits under \$100,000	1,202,496	1,107,471	95,025	8.58%
Time deposits over \$100,000	655,514	494,895	160,619	32.46%
Total deposits	\$ 4,617,452	\$ 4,297,563	\$ 319,889	7.44%

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

**Borrowings**

Since year end 2004, total borrowings decreased \$36.56 million or 2.54%. Short-term borrowings decreased \$50.53 million or 5.57%. In terms of composition, Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase decreased \$69.74 million or 53.19% and \$20.82 million or 3.81%, respectively. Overnight Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) advances increased \$40.00 million or 17.78%. Long-term FHLB borrowings increased \$14.50 million or 3.26%. The table below summarizes the change in the borrowing categories since year end 2004:

(Dollars In thousands)	December 31		Amount Change	Percentage Change
	2005	2004		
Federal funds purchased	\$ 61,370	\$ 131,106	(\$ 69,736)	(53.19%)
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	525,604	546,425	(20,821)	(3.81%)
Overnight FHLB advances	265,000	225,000	40,000	17.78%
TT&L note option	4,451	4,427	24	0.54%
Long-term FHLB advances	458,818	444,322	14,496	3.26%
Issuances of trust preferred capital securities	88,913	89,433	(520)	(0.58%)
Total borrowings	\$ 1,404,156	\$ 1,440,713	(\$ 36,557)	(2.54%)

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

**Shareholders Equity**

Shareholders equity increased \$3.70 million or less than 1% from December 31, 2004, as United continued to balance capital adequacy and returns to shareholders. The increase in shareholders equity was due mainly to net earnings less dividends of \$55.83 million for the year of 2005. Treasury stock increased \$35.45 million from year end 2004 as treasury share



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repurchases exceeded stock option redemptions during year of 2005. For the year of 2005, United repurchased 1,151,300 shares under a plan approved by its Board of Directors in 2004 to repurchase up to 1.775 million shares of United's common stock on the open market while 16,700 shares were repurchased to complete a earlier plan approved in 2003 to repurchase up to 1.65 million shares.

**EARNINGS SUMMARY**

As previously mentioned, on July 7, 2004, United consummated the sale of its wholly-owned mortgage banking subsidiary, Mason Mortgage. For the years prior to 2005, the results of operations for Mason Mortgage are reported as income from discontinued operations. For detailed financial data and further information related to discontinued operations, refer to Note B of the accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. For discussion purposes, information referred to on a consolidated basis combines the results of continuing and discontinued operations.

Consolidated net income for the year of 2005 was \$100.41 million or \$2.33 per diluted share compared to \$97.76 million or \$2.22 per share for the year of 2004. These results represent a 2.71% increase in net income and a 4.96% increase in diluted earnings per share.

Income from continuing operations for the year of 2005 was \$100.41 million, an increase of \$17.09 million or 20.52% from the year of 2004. Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations were \$2.33 and \$1.89 for the year of 2005 and 2004, respectively. The results from continuing operations for the year of 2004 included before-tax penalties of \$18.98 million for the prepayment of FHLB advances as compared to \$406 thousand for the year of 2005. In addition, United reduced its income tax expense in the fourth quarter of 2004 by approximately \$2.5 million as a result of a finalized tax examination for the years 2001 through 2003.

No income from discontinued operations was reported in 2005 as the sale of United's mortgage banking subsidiary was completed in 2004. Income from discontinued operations for the year of 2004 was \$14.45 million or \$0.33 per diluted share. The results of discontinued operations for the year of 2004 included a before-tax gain of \$17.0 million on the sale of United's mortgage banking subsidiary.

The 2005 consolidated results represented a return on average shareholders' equity of 15.66% as compared to 15.56% for the year of 2004. The return on average assets was 1.55% for both of the years of 2005 and 2004.

Net interest income from continuing operations increased \$16.39 million or 8.02% for the year of 2005 when compared to 2004. Noninterest income from continuing operations decreased \$1.61 million or 2.96% for 2005 when compared to 2004. Noninterest expense from continuing operations decreased \$15.90 million or 11.60% over the same time period due mainly to the aforementioned decrease in prepayment penalties of FHLB advances from the year 2004 to 2005.

The effective tax rate was approximately 31.5% and 29.1% for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively, as compared to 30.0% for 2003.

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 2005, are summarized below.

Tax-equivalent net interest income from continuing operations for the year of 2005 was \$233.42 million, an increase of \$17.80 million or 8.25% from the year of 2004. Consolidated tax-equivalent net interest income for the year of 2005 was \$233.42 million, an increase of \$12.49 million or 5.65% from the year of 2004. United's consolidated tax-equivalent net interest margin for the year of 2005 was 3.94%, up 10 basis points from a net interest margin of 3.84% for the year of 2004.

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Tax-equivalent interest income from continuing operations for the year of 2005 was \$357.87 million, an increase of \$53.33 million or 17.51% from the year of 2004. This increase in tax-equivalent interest income from continuing operations was due mainly to a 61 basis point increase in the yield on average earning assets. The increase in yield was due to higher interest rates. The yield on average net loans increased 60 basis points from 5.76% in 2004 to 6.36% in 2005. The increase in average earning asset yield resulted in an increase of \$31.82 million in tax-equivalent interest income from continuing operations. Average earning assets increased \$318.50 million or 5.68% for the year of 2005 as compared to the year of 2004 as average net loans grew \$345.98 million or 8.42%. The increase in average earning assets resulted in a \$19.32 million increase in tax-equivalent interest income from continuing operations.

Also, for the year of 2005, tax-equivalent interest income from continuing operations was aided by additional interest income of approximately \$3.24 million from United's asset securitization as compared to the year of 2004.

Consolidated tax-equivalent interest income for the year of 2005 increased \$46.48 million or 14.93% from the year of 2004. This increase in consolidated tax-equivalent interest income was due mainly to a 63 basis point increase in the yield on average earning assets which resulted in a \$34.41 million increase consolidated tax-equivalent interest income. Average earning assets grew \$170.46 million or 2.96% which increased consolidated tax-equivalent interest income by \$10.72 million for the year of 2005 as compared to 2004.

Interest expense from continuing operations for the year of 2005 was \$124.45 million, an increase of \$35.54 million or 39.97% from the year of 2004. The increase in interest expense from continuing operations for the year of 2005 was mainly due to a 64 basis point rise in the average cost of funds from the year of 2004 as a result of the higher interest rates. The increase in the average cost of funds resulted in a \$31.32 million increase in the interest expense from continuing operations. The average cost of deposits was 2.06% for the year of 2005, up 61 basis points from 1.45% for the year of 2004 while the average cost of short-term borrowing was 2.43% for the year of 2005, an increase of 135 basis points from 1.08% for the year of 2004.

Consolidated interest expense increased \$33.99 million or 37.58% in 2005 compared to 2004. This increase was attributed primarily to the aforementioned higher funding costs related to deposits and short-term borrowings. On a consolidated basis, the average cost of funds increased 65 basis points from 1.91% in 2004 to 2.56% in 2005. The increase in the average cost of funds resulted in an increase of \$36.84 million in consolidated interest expense.

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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, 2005, 2004 and 2003 with the consolidated interest and rate earned or paid on such amount.

	Year Ended December 31, 2005			Year Ended December 31, 2004			Year Ended December 31, 2003		
	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	\$ 27,481	\$ 850	3.09%	\$ 31,794	\$ 408	1.28%	\$ 80,449	\$ 1,062	1.32%
Investment Securities:									
Taxable	1,242,271	57,023	4.59%	1,284,894	55,436	4.31%	1,150,366	51,701	4.49%
Tax-exempt (1) (2)	202,741	16,756	8.26%	183,283	12,140	6.62%	184,021	12,701	6.90%
Total Securities	1,445,012	73,779	5.11%	1,468,177	67,576	4.60%	1,334,387	64,402	4.83%
Loans, net of unearned income (1) (2) (3)	4,496,774	283,239	6.30%	4,304,411	243,402	5.65%	4,024,018	242,101	6.02%
Allowance for loan losses	(43,589)			(49,162)			(47,866)		
Net loans	4,453,185		6.36%	4,255,249		5.72%	3,976,152		6.09%
Total earning assets	5,925,678	\$ 357,868	6.04%	5,755,220	\$ 311,386	5.41%	5,390,988	\$ 307,565	5.71%
Other assets	540,086			539,856			418,143		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 6,465,764			\$ 6,295,076			\$ 5,809,131		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>									
Interest-Bearing Funds:									
Interest-bearing deposits	\$ 3,546,918	\$ 73,146	2.06%	\$ 3,343,278	\$ 48,380	1.45%	\$ 3,122,739	\$ 53,683	1.72%
Short-term borrowings	734,228	17,816	2.43%	685,062	7,400	1.08%	557,039	7,361	1.32%
Long-term borrowings	575,354	33,489	5.82%	719,524	34,677	4.82%	751,472	43,107	5.74%
Total Interest-Bearing Funds	4,856,500	124,451	2.56%	4,747,864	90,457	1.91%	4,431,250	104,151	2.35%

Noninterest-bearing deposits	913,629	874,999	760,220
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	54,514	43,837	49,489
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>5,824,643</b>	<b>5,666,700</b>	<b>5,240,959</b>
<b>SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY</b>	<b>641,121</b>	<b>628,376</b>	<b>568,172</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 6,465,764</b>	<b>\$ 6,295,076</b>	<b>\$ 5,809,131</b>
<b>NET INTEREST INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 233,417</b>	<b>\$ 220,929</b>	<b>\$ 203,414</b>
<b>INTEREST SPREAD</b>	3.48%	3.50%	3.36%
<b>NET INTEREST MARGIN</b>	3.94%	3.84%	3.77%

- (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.

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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).

	2005 Compared to 2004				2004 Compared to 2003			
	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	(\$ 55)	\$ 575	(\$ 78)	\$ 442	(\$ 642)	(\$ 32)	\$ 20	(\$ 654)
Investment securities:								
Taxable	(1,837)	3,598	(174)	1,587	6,046	(2,120)	(191)	3,735
Tax exempt (1), (2)	1,288	3,006	322	4,616	(51)	(519)	9	(561)
Loans (1),(2),(3)	11,322	27,234	1,281	39,837	16,994	(14,665)	(1,028)	1,301
<b>TOTAL INTEREST INCOME</b>	<b>10,718</b>	<b>34,413</b>	<b>1,351</b>	<b>46,482</b>	<b>22,347</b>	<b>(17,336)</b>	<b>(1,190)</b>	<b>3,821</b>
Interest expense:								
Interest-bearing deposits	\$ 2,953	\$ 20,394	\$ 1,419	\$ 24,766	\$ 3,791	(\$ 8,403)	(\$ 691)	(\$ 5,303)
Short-term borrowings	531	9,248	637	10,416	1,692	(1,345)	(308)	39
Long-term borrowings	(6,949)	7,195	(1,434)	(1,188)	(1,833)	(6,886)	289	(8,430)
<b>TOTAL INTEREST EXPENSE</b>	<b>(3,465)</b>	<b>36,837</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>33,994</b>	<b>3,650</b>	<b>(16,634)</b>	<b>(710)</b>	<b>(13,694)</b>
<b>NET INTEREST INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 14,183</b>	<b>(\$ 2,424)</b>	<b>\$ 729</b>	<b>\$ 12,488</b>	<b>\$ 18,697</b>	<b>(\$ 702)</b>	<b>(\$ 480)</b>	<b>\$ 17,515</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. Nonperforming loans were \$13.19 million or 0.28% of loans, net of unearned income, at December 31, 2005 compared to \$10.78 million or 0.24% of loans, net of unearned income at December 31, 2004. 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. During 2005, nonaccrual loans increased \$794 thousand or 12.50%. This increase in nonaccrual loans was due mainly to one large commercial loan being placed on nonaccrual at December 31, 2005. Loans past due 90 days or more increased \$1.61 million or 36.48%. This increase in loans past due 90 days or more was due mainly to three (3) residential mortgage loans and two (2) commercial credits with balances between \$154 thousand and \$329 thousand being 90 days or more delinquent at December 31, 2005. The loans mentioned above have been properly evaluated in considering the adequacy of the company's allowance for credit losses at December 31, 2005. Total nonperforming assets of \$16.13 million, including OREO of \$2.94 million at December 31, 2005, represented 0.24% of total assets at the end of 2005 as compared to 0.22% at the end of 2004.

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Nonperforming assets include loans and securities on which no interest is currently being accrued, principal or interest has been in default for a period of 90 days or more and, in the case of loans, for which the terms have been modified due to a deterioration in the financial position of the borrower. 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.

	2005	2004	December 31 2003 (In thousands)	2002	2001
Nonaccrual loans	\$ 7,146	\$ 6,352	\$ 7,523	\$ 6,890	\$ 8,068
Loans which are contractually past due 90 days or more as to interest or principal, and are still accruing interest	6,039	4,425	11,052	8,461	9,522
Total nonperforming loans	13,185	10,777	18,575	15,351	17,590
Nonaccrual investment securities					10,000
Other real estate owned	2,941	3,692	3,203	4,267	2,763
<b>TOTAL NONPERFORMING ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 16,126</b>	<b>\$ 14,469</b>	<b>\$ 21,778</b>	<b>\$ 19,618</b>	<b>\$ 30,353</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, 2005, impaired loans were \$16.55 million, an increase of \$6.21 million or 59.96% from the \$10.35 million in impaired loans at December 31, 2004. In addition to the one previously mentioned large commercial credit (\$1.40 million) that was classified as nonaccrual at December 31, 2005, the change in impaired loans from year end 2004 included two other large (totaling \$2.75 million) and several smaller commercial credits that were considered impaired in accordance with FASB Statement No. 114 (SFAS No. 114),

Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan at December 31, 2005. These credits have been properly considered in determining the adequacy of the allowance for credit losses. For further details, along with a discussion of concentrations of credit risk, 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, 2005, the allowance for credit losses was \$52.87 million, compared to \$51.35 million at December 31, 2004. As a percentage of loans, net of unearned income, the allowance for credit losses was 1.14% and 1.16% at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. The ratio of the allowance for credit losses to nonperforming loans was 401.0% and 476.5% at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

For the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, the provision for credit losses was \$5.62 million and \$4.52 million, respectively. Net charge-offs were \$4.10 million for the year of 2005 as compared to net charge-offs of \$4.48 million for the year of 2004.

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

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Balance of allowance for credit losses at beginning of year	\$ 51,353	\$ 51,432	\$ 48,387	\$ 47,408	\$ 40,532
Allowance of purchased company at date of acquisition			3,863		4,673
Loans charged off:					
Commercial, financial and agricultural	2,442	1,524	2,677	805	2,578
Real estate	1,422	1,518	3,365	5,192	7,090
Real estate construction					76
Consumer and other	2,152	3,497	3,954	3,502	2,615
<b>TOTAL CHARGE-OFFS</b>	<b>6,016</b>	<b>6,539</b>	<b>9,996</b>	<b>9,499</b>	<b>12,359</b>
Recoveries:					
Commercial, financial and agricultural	677	387	706	443	681
Real estate	778	1,080	601	591	557
Real estate construction					1
Consumer and other	461	596	396	507	490
<b>TOTAL RECOVERIES</b>	<b>1,916</b>	<b>2,063</b>	<b>1,703</b>	<b>1,541</b>	<b>1,729</b>
<b>NET LOANS CHARGED OFF</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>4,476</b>	<b>8,293</b>	<b>7,958</b>	<b>10,630</b>
Provision for credit losses	5,618	4,520	7,475	8,937	12,833
<b>BALANCE OF ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT LOSSES AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>52,871</b>	<b>51,476</b>	<b>51,432</b>	<b>48,387</b>	<b>47,408</b>
Less: Balance of allowance for credit losses, discontinued operations		(123)	(123)	(123)	(123)
	\$ 52,871	\$ 51,353	\$ 51,309	\$ 48,264	\$ 47,285



BALANCE OF  
ALLOWANCE FOR  
CREDIT LOSSES AT END  
OF YEAR, CONTINUING  
OPERATIONS

Loans outstanding at the end of period (gross), continuing operations (1)	\$ 4,656,522	\$ 4,424,702	\$ 3,960,637	\$ 3,504,307	\$ 3,505,385
Average loans outstanding during period (net of unearned income) (1)	\$ 4,493,322	\$ 4,228,070	\$ 3,644,296	\$ 3,536,020	\$ 3,218,191
Net charge-offs as a percentage of average loans outstanding	0.09%	0.11%	0.23%	0.23%	0.33%
Allowance for credit losses, continuing operations as a percentage of nonperforming loans	401.0%	476.5%	276.2%	314.4%	268.8%

(1) Excludes loans held for sale.

United evaluates the adequacy of the allowance for credit losses on a quarterly basis 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

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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.

United has continued to refine its methodology in determining the allowance for credit losses. These refinements involve the adjustment of historical loss data utilized in the evaluation of impairment on pools of loans. These improvements are judged by management to continually improve the accuracy of the estimates of impairment included in the allocated allowance. Differences between actual loan loss experience and estimates are reviewed on a quarterly basis and adjustments are made to those estimates.

United's formal company-wide process at December 31, 2005 produced increased allocations in two of the four loan categories. The components of the allowance allocated to the real estate construction loan pool rose by \$750 thousand primarily due to changes in loan volume and qualitative factors. The allowance component for commercial loans decreased \$303 thousand as a result of changes in the allocation for commercial loan growth (\$900 thousand) from year end 2004. The consumer loan pool allocation decreased \$338 thousand primarily due to decreases in historical loss rates. The components of the allowance allocated to real estate loans remained nearly even, increasing \$39 thousand. The allowance for the unfunded lending-related commitments liability increased by \$746 thousand primarily due to changes in qualitative factors.

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

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>December 31 2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
			(In thousands)		
Commercial, financial and agricultural	\$ 27,053	\$ 27,356	\$ 23,458	\$ 20,643	\$ 20,206
Real estate	6,443	6,404	4,680	10,117	10,420
Real estate construction	2,587	1,961	1,472	1,100	1,104
Consumer and other	5,842	6,179	6,234	5,437	3,656
Lending related commitments	8,733	7,987	9,731	6,643	4,115
Allowance for imprecision	2,213	1,589	5,857	4,447	7,907
	52,871	51,476	51,432	48,387	47,408
Less: Allowance for credit losses, discontinued operations		(123)	(123)	(123)	(123)

Total	\$ 52,871	\$ 51,353	\$ 51,309	\$ 48,264	\$ 47,285
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As a result of the acquisitions of Century and Sequoia, historical loss experience data used in the allowance allocation estimates may not have corresponded with the characteristics of the existing portfolio.

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Management believes that the allowance for credit losses of \$52.87 million at December 31, 2005 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**

Noninterest income has been, and will continue to be, an important element of United's profitability. Accordingly, management continues to evaluate areas where noninterest income can be enhanced. Other income consists of all revenues which are not included in interest and fee income related to earning assets. Noninterest income from continuing operations was \$52.63 million, a decrease of \$1.61 million or 2.96% from the year of 2004. The decline in noninterest income from continuing operations was primarily attributable to decreased revenue from deposit services. Service charges, commissions and fees from customer accounts decreased \$1.19 million or 3.41% from 2004. This income includes charges and fees related to various banking services provided by United. The largest component within this category is fees from deposit services, which decreased \$2.22 million or 7.40% for the year of 2005 as compared to the year of 2004.

Trust income and brokerage commissions increased \$565 thousand or 5.37% due to an increased volume of trust and brokerage business. 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.

Income from bank-owned life insurance policies increased \$471 thousand or 11.00% for the year of 2005 as compared to last year's income. Mortgage banking income increased \$326 thousand or 44.72% for the year of 2005 as compared to 2004 due to higher volumes of originations and sales. All other noninterest income from continuing operations decreased \$1.36 million for the year of 2005 compared to the year of 2004 due mainly to a decline in residual income from United's interest in asset securitizations.

During 2005, United realized net gains on securities transactions of \$695 thousand as compared to a net gain of \$1.10 million during 2004.

Consolidated noninterest income, including net gains and losses from securities transactions, decreased \$34.44 million or 39.56% for 2005 when compared to 2004. This significant decrease in consolidated noninterest income was due to income from the discontinued mortgage banking operations of Mason Mortgage being included in the consolidated results for the year 2004 including a \$17.0 million gain on the sale of Mason Mortgage. No noninterest income from discontinued operations was recorded in 2005 as the sale of Mason Mortgage was completed in 2004.

**Other Expense**

Other expense includes all items of expense other than interest expense, the provision for credit losses and income tax expense. Noninterest expense from continuing operations for the year of 2005 was \$121.16 million, a decrease of \$15.90 million or 11.60% from the year of 2004. Noninterest expense from continuing operations for the year of 2004 included before-tax penalties of \$18.98 million for the prepayment of FHLB advances as compared to \$406 thousand for the year of 2005.

Salaries and benefits from continuing operations increased \$2.67 million or 4.73% for the year of 2005 compared to the year of 2004. Salaries expense for 2005 was \$46.01 million or 1.87% above the 2004 level due mainly to an increase in salary levels. Employee benefits increased \$1.63 million or 16.59% due to higher levels of health and workers' compensation.

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expenses and unemployment taxes.

Net occupancy expense from continuing operations decreased \$350 thousand or 2.79% for the year of 2005 as compared to the year of 2004. The lower net occupancy expense for 2005 was due mainly to a decrease in depreciation expense on bank premises.

Equipment expense declined \$581 thousand or 7.63% for the year of 2005 as compared to 2004. The decrease was primarily due to lower levels of depreciation, maintenance and other real estate owned expenses.

Data processing expense increased \$1.10 million or 24.23% for year of 2005 as compared to the year of 2004. The increase was primarily due to additional outsourcing of data processing functions.

Consolidated noninterest expense decreased \$33.26 million or 21.54% for the year ended December 31, 2005 as compared to the year ended 2004. The decrease in consolidated noninterest expense from the previous year was primarily due to the inclusion of expenses related to Mason Mortgage for 2004. No noninterest expense from discontinued operations was recorded in 2005 as the sale of Mason Mortgage was completed in 2004.

United's consolidated efficiency ratio was 41.45% for the year of 2005 as compared to 49.12% for the year of 2004.

**Income Taxes**

For the year ended December 31, 2005, consolidated income taxes were \$46.27 million, compared to \$40.10 million for 2004. For the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, United's effective tax rates were 31.5% and 29.1%, respectively. For further details related to income taxes, see Note L, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Quarterly Results**

On a consolidated basis, all four quarters of 2005 showed increases in net income and diluted earnings per share in comparison to each of the same respective four quarters of 2004. Consolidated net income for the first quarter of 2005 was \$24.76 million or \$0.57 per diluted share basis compared to \$23.50 million or \$0.53 per diluted share in 2004. For the second quarter 2005, consolidated net income was \$24.51 million or \$0.57 per share compared to \$24.21 million or \$0.55 per diluted share in 2004. Third quarter 2005 consolidated net income was \$25.45 million or \$0.59 per diluted share as compared to \$24.54 million or \$0.56 per diluted share in 2004. Fourth quarter 2005 consolidated net income was \$25.69 million or \$0.60 per diluted share as compared to \$25.50 million or \$0.58 per diluted share in 2004.

Income from continuing operations was \$25.69 million or \$0.60 per diluted share for the fourth quarter of 2005 as compared to \$25.50 million or \$0.58 per diluted share for the fourth quarter of 2004. The results from continuing operations for the fourth quarter of 2004 included a before-tax penalty of \$2.97 million for the prepayment of a FHLB advance as compared to \$406 thousand for the fourth quarter 2005. In addition, United reduced its income tax expense in the fourth quarter of 2004 by approximately \$2.5 million as a result of a finalized tax examination for the years 2001 through 2003. No income from discontinued operations was recorded for the fourth quarter of 2005 or 2004 as the sale of Mason Mortgage occurred in the third quarter of 2004.

Tax-equivalent net interest income from continuing operations for the fourth quarter of 2005 was \$61.25 million, an increase of \$5.27 million or 9.41% from the fourth quarter of 2004. This increase in tax-equivalent net interest income from continuing operations was due mainly to a \$269.61 million or 4.66% increase in average earning assets as average net loans for the fourth quarter of 2005 grew \$303.54 million or 7.13% over last year's fourth quarter. In addition, the average yield on earning assets for the fourth quarter of 2005 increased 91 basis points from the fourth quarter of 2004 as a result of higher interest rates. In the fourth quarter of 2005, the net interest margin was aided by additional interest income of approximately \$1.53 million from United's asset securitization as compared to the fourth quarter of 2004. Partially offsetting these increases in net interest income for the fourth quarter of 2005 was a 90 basis point increase in the cost of funds from the fourth quarter of 2004 due to the higher interest rates. The net interest margin for the fourth quarter of 2005 increased 17 basis points to 4.03% from the fourth quarter 2004 net interest margin of 3.86%.

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For the fourth quarter of 2005, the provision for credit losses was \$2.06 million, an increase of \$730 thousand from the fourth quarter's provision of \$1.33 million in 2004. Net charge-offs were \$1.18 million for the fourth quarter of 2005 as compared to \$1.45 million for the fourth quarter of 2004.

Noninterest income from continuing operations for the fourth quarter of 2005 was \$13.31 million, which was an increase of \$208 thousand or 1.59% from the fourth quarter of 2004 due mainly to an increase in fees from trust and brokerage services of \$323 thousand or 13.19%. Noninterest expense from continuing operations decreased \$386 thousand for the fourth quarter of 2005 as compared to the fourth quarter of 2004. As previously mentioned, noninterest expense from continuing operations for the fourth quarter of 2004 included before-tax penalties of \$2.97 million for the prepayment of FHLB advances as compared to \$406 thousand for the fourth quarter of 2005. Salaries and benefits for the fourth quarter of 2005 increased \$2.09 million from the fourth quarter of 2004 due to higher levels of employee compensation and related expenses.

Additional quarterly financial data for 2005 and 2004 may be found in Note T, 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.

**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, 2005:

(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)	\$ 2,759,442	\$ 2,759,442			
Time deposits (2) (3)	1,951,291	1,135,610	\$ 611,840	\$ 163,221	\$ 40,620
Short-term borrowings (2)	858,610	843,334	15,276		
Long-term borrowings (2) (3)	848,651	34,540	162,203	339,622	312,286
Operating leases	31,904	5,974	10,597	7,636	7,695

(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, 2005. 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.

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, 2005 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 O, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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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, 2005:

(In thousands)	<b>Amount</b>
Commitments to extend credit:	
Revolving open-end secured by 1-4 residential	\$ 609,221
Credit card and personal revolving lines	112,383
Commercial	1,102,305
	<b>Total unused commitments</b>
	<b>\$ 1,823,909</b>
Financial standby letters of credit	\$ 88,889
Performance standby letters of credit	50,683
Commercial letters of credit	1,021
	<b>Total letters of credit</b>
	<b>\$ 140,593</b>

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 N, 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.

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 generally 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. 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 sources such as correspondent and downstream correspondent federal funds and utilization of FHLB advances.



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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 secured by bank premises or stock of United's subsidiaries and issuances of trust preferred securities. United has no intention at this time of utilizing any long-term funding sources other than FHLB advances and long-term certificates of deposit. See Notes I and J, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Cash flows provided by continuing operations in 2005 were \$112.88 million as compared to cash provided by operations during 2004 of \$94.46 million. The difference in cash flows between the two years was primarily the result of increased income from continuing operations of \$17.09 million in 2005 as compared to 2004. In 2005, investing activities of continuing operations used cash of \$261.96 million as compared to net cash of \$492.48 million used in 2004. Cash used in investing activities in 2005 and 2004 was primarily due to loan growth of \$238.15 million and \$467.71 million, respectively, during each year. For the year of 2005, net cash of \$203.58 million was provided by financing activities primarily due to increases in total deposits of \$319.89 million. Cash used in financing activities in 2005 included \$44.41 million for payment of cash dividends and \$41.29 million for acquisitions of United shares under the stock repurchase program. For the year of 2004, net cash of \$254.33 million was provided by financing activities primarily due to increases in total deposits and net borrowings of \$161.65 million and \$171.10 million, respectively. Cash used in financing activities in 2004 included \$43.97 million for payment of cash dividends and \$40.81 million for acquisitions of United shares under the stock repurchase program. Net cash provided by discontinued operations was \$42.21 million for the year 2004. The absence of cash flows from discontinued operations in 2005 did not affect liquidity or capital resources. The net effect of the cash flow activities was an increase in cash and cash equivalents of \$54.50 million for the year of 2005 as compared to a decrease in cash and cash equivalents of \$101.48 million for the year of 2004. See the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows in the Consolidated Financial Statements.

United anticipates no problems in its ability to service its obligations over the next 12 months. 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 significant lines of credit available. See Notes J and K, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

The Asset and 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 11.28% at December 31, 2005 and 11.58% at December 31, 2004, were both significantly higher than the minimum regulatory requirements. United's Tier I capital and leverage ratios of 10.14% and 8.53%, respectively, at December 31, 2005, 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 R, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Total year end 2005 shareholders' equity increased \$3.70 million or less than 1% to \$635.21 million from \$631.51 million at December 31, 2004. United's equity to assets ratio was 9.44% at December 31, 2005, as compared to 9.81% at December 31, 2004. The primary capital ratio, capital and reserves to total assets and reserves, was 10.15% at December 31, 2005, as compared to 10.53% at December 31, 2004. United's average equity to average asset ratio was 9.92% and 9.98% for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

During the fourth quarter of 2005, United's Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.27 per share. Dividends per share of \$1.05 for the year 2005 represented a 3% increase over the \$1.02 per share paid for 2004. Total cash dividends declared to common shareholders were approximately \$44.58 million for the year of 2005 as compared to \$44.23 million for the year of 2004, an increase of less than 1%. The year 2005 was the 32nd consecutive year of dividend increases to United shareholders.

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During the third quarter of 2004, United's Board of Directors approved a new Stock Repurchase Plan (Repurchase Plan) to repurchase up to 1.775 million shares of United's common stock on the open market effective upon completion of the 2003 repurchase plan. The Repurchase Plan represents approximately 4% of the issued and outstanding shares of United. 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 2005, United repurchased 1,151,300 shares under this Repurchase Plan approved by its Board of Directors in 2004.

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

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Return on average assets	1.55%	1.55%	1.36%
Return on average equity	15.66%	15.56%	13.86%
Dividend payout ratio	44.39%	45.24%	53.36%
Average equity to average assets ratio	9.92%	9.98%	9.78%

**2004 COMPARED TO 2003****FINANCIAL CONDITION SUMMARY**

United's total assets as of December 31, 2004 were \$6.44 billion, an increase of \$48.24 million from year end 2003. However, total assets at December 31, 2003 included \$334.34 million of assets related to the discontinued operations of Mason Mortgage. All assets and liabilities of Mason Mortgage were sold on July 7, 2004, and thus not included in the December 31, 2004 consolidated balance sheet.

The increase in total assets was primarily due to an increase in portfolio loans of \$463.04 million or 11.71%. The increase in portfolio loans for 2004 was primarily attributable to growths in single-family residential loans, construction loans, commercial loans and commercial real estate loans of \$199.42 million, \$129.69 million, \$73.29 million, and \$62.10 million, respectively. Loans held for sale in continuing operations increased \$2.29 million as loan originations exceeded sales in the secondary market for the year of 2004. Partially offsetting the increase in loans were decreases in cash and cash equivalents of \$95.65 million and the previously mentioned \$334.34 million decline in assets related to discontinued operations. Of the total decrease in cash and cash equivalents, cash and due from banks decreased \$79.10 million while interest-bearing deposits with other banks decreased \$11.12 million, and federal funds sold decreased \$5.43 million. During the year of 2004, net cash of \$94.46 million and \$254.33 million was provided by operating activities and financing activities from continuing operations, respectively. Net cash of \$492.48 million was used in investing activities from continuing operations. Net cash of \$42.21 million was provided by discontinued operations. Other assets increased \$19.43 million or 14.09% since year end 2003. In the year of 2004, United's net purchases of bank-owned life insurance (BOLI) totaled \$11.81 million. The remainder of the difference in other assets since year end 2003 is primarily due to an increase of \$6.39 million in the prepaid pension asset.

The increase in total assets is reflected in a corresponding increase in total liabilities of \$31.93 million. Included in the change in total liabilities was a decrease of \$300.75 million in liabilities related to discontinued operations due to the sale of Mason Mortgage. Total deposits at December 31, 2004 increased \$159.08 million or 3.84% since year end 2003. In terms of composition, noninterest-bearing deposits decreased \$8.29 million while interest-bearing deposits increased \$167.36 million from December 31, 2003. Since year end 2003, total borrowings increased \$169.11 million or 13.30%. Short-term borrowings increased \$95.02 million or 11.70% as United utilized these borrowings to take advantage of the low interest rate environment. In terms of composition, Fed funds purchased and overnight Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) advances increased \$40.57 million or 44.80% and \$75.0 million or 50.00%, respectively. Long-term FHLB borrowings increased \$74.61 million or 20.18% to partially fund the growth in loans.

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Shareholders' equity increased \$16.32 million from year end 2003. The increase in shareholders' equity was due mainly to net earnings less dividends of \$53.53 million for the year of 2004. Treasury stock increased \$23.63 million from year end 2003 as treasury share repurchases exceeded stock option redemptions during the year of 2004. Surplus decreased \$10.82 million for the year of 2004 due to the exercise of stock options.

**EARNINGS SUMMARY**

As previously mentioned, on July 7, 2004, United consummated the sale of its wholly-owned mortgage banking subsidiary, Mason Mortgage. The results of operations for Mason Mortgage are reported as income from discontinued operations. Information referred to on a consolidated basis combines the results of continuing and discontinued operations.

For the year ended December 31, 2004, consolidated net income increased 24.12% to \$97.76 million from \$78.77 million for the year ended December 31, 2003. Consolidated net income per diluted share was \$2.22 for the year of 2004 as compared to \$1.85 per diluted per share for the year of 2003. During the fourth quarter of 2004, United reduced its income tax expense by approximately \$2.5 million as a result of a finalized tax examination for the years 2001 through 2003. In addition, United refinanced approximately \$26 million of a long-term Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) advance with an interest rate of 6.23% at an overnight interest rate of 2.17%. As a result of refinancing this advance, United incurred a before-tax penalty of \$2.97 million during the quarter. For the year of 2004, United incurred pre-tax penalties of \$18.98 million to prepay or refinance approximately \$158.5 million of long-term FHLB advances. The results for the fourth quarter and year of 2003 included before-tax prepayment penalties of \$16.7 million as a result of prepaying approximately \$156.5 million of long-term FHLB advances. Net income from continuing operations for the year of 2004 was \$83.32 million, an increase of \$19.24 million or 30.02% from the year of 2003. Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations were \$1.89 and \$1.50 for the year of 2004 and 2003, respectively.

Net income from discontinued operations for the year of 2004 was \$14.45 million as compared to \$14.69 million for the year of 2003. The results for 2004 included a before-tax gain of \$17.0 million on the sale of discontinued operations. Diluted earnings per share from discontinued operations were \$0.33 and \$0.35 for the year of 2004 and 2003, respectively.

The 2004 consolidated results represented a return on average shareholders' equity of 15.56% as compared to 13.86% for the year of 2003. The return on average assets was 1.55% for the year of 2004 as compared to 1.36% for the year of 2003.

Net interest income from continuing operations increased \$27.42 million or 15.49% for the year of 2004 when compared to 2003. Noninterest income from continuing operations increased \$2.15 million or 4.12% for 2004 when compared to 2003. Noninterest expense from continuing operations increased \$7.52 million or 5.81% over the same time period.

The effective tax rate was approximately 29.1% and 30.0% for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively, as compared to 30.7% for 2002.

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

**Net Interest Income**

Tax-equivalent net interest income from continuing operations for the year of 2004 was \$215.62 million, an increase of \$28.55 million or 15.26% from the year of 2003. In addition, the average cost of funds for the year of 2004 decreased 44 basis points from the year of 2003 as a result of a drop in the cost of deposits due to lower interest rates and a lower cost of borrowings from the early repayment of higher cost FHLB advances. Consolidated tax-equivalent net interest income of \$220.93 million for the year 2004 increased \$17.52 million or 8.61% from \$203.41 million for the year of 2003. United's consolidated tax-equivalent net interest margin for the year of 2004 was 3.84%, up 7 basis points from a net interest margin of 3.77% for the year of 2003.

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Tax-equivalent interest income from continuing operations for the year of 2004 was \$304.54 million, an increase of \$21.96 million or 7.77% from the year of 2003 as average earning assets from continuing operations increased \$682.02 million or 13.85% due primarily to the Sequoia acquisition and actual loan growth of \$463.04 million or 11.71% since December 31, 2003. The increase in average earning assets from continuing operations resulted in an increase of \$42.30 million in interest income from continuing operations for the year of 2004 as compared to the year of 2003. However, this increase in interest income was partially offset by a 31 basis point decline in the consolidated yield on average interest-earning assets which reduced interest income from continuing operations by \$17.70 million. Consolidated tax-equivalent interest income of \$311.39 million increased \$3.82 million or 1.24% for the year 2004. The increase in consolidated tax-equivalent interest income was mainly due to a \$364.23 million increase in consolidated average earning assets which was partially offset by a 30 basis point decline in the consolidated yield on average interest-earning assets. United's consolidated average loans and securities increased \$280.39 million and \$133.79 million, respectively, mainly as a result of the Sequoia acquisition. The consolidated average yield on loans and securities decreased 37 basis points and 23 basis points, respectively, from 6.02% and 4.83% in 2003 to 5.65% and 4.60% in 2004, respectively.

Interest expense from continuing operations for the year of 2004 was \$88.91 million, a decrease of \$6.59 million or 6.90% from the year of 2003. The decrease in interest expense from continuing operations for the year of 2004 was mainly due to a 44 basis point decline in the average cost of funds from the year of 2003 as a result of a drop in the cost of deposits due to lower interest rates and a lower cost of borrowings from the early repayment of higher cost FHLB advances. Consolidated interest expense of \$90.46 million decreased \$13.69 million or 13.15% in 2004 compared to 2003. This decrease was attributed primarily to the aforementioned lower funding costs related to deposits and FHLB borrowings. On a consolidated basis, the average cost of funds decreased 44 basis points from 2.35% in 2003 to 1.91% in 2004. The average cost of interest-bearing deposits decreased 27 basis points from 1.72% in 2003 to 1.45% in 2004. The average cost of short-term and long-term borrowings decreased 24 basis points and 92 basis points, respectively, from 1.32% and 5.74% in 2003 to 1.08% and 4.82% in 2004, respectively. United's consolidated average interest-bearing deposits and short-term borrowing increased \$220.54 million and \$128.02 million, respectively mainly as a result of the Sequoia acquisition. Average consolidated long-term borrowings decreased \$31.95 million due mainly to the prepayment of FHLB advances.

**Provision for Credit Losses**

For the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, the provision for credit losses was \$4.52 million and \$7.48 million, respectively. Net charge-offs were \$4.48 million for the year of 2004 as compared to net charge-offs of \$8.29 million for the year of 2003.

At December 31, 2004, the allowance for credit losses was \$51.35 million, compared to \$51.31 million at December 31, 2003. As a percentage of loans, net of unearned income, the allowance for credit losses was 1.16% and 1.30% at December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The ratio of the allowance for credit losses to nonperforming loans was 476.5% and 276.2% at December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

**Other Income**

Noninterest income from continuing operations, including net gains from securities transactions for the year of 2004, was \$54.23 million, an increase of \$2.15 million or 4.12% from the year of 2003. This rise in noninterest income from continuing operations was attributable to increased revenue from deposit services, trust and brokerage services and bank-owned life insurance.

Service charges, commissions and fees from customer accounts increased \$1.71 million or 5.13% from 2003. This income includes charges and fees related to various banking services provided by United. The largest component within this category is fees from deposit services, which increased \$1.04 million or 3.60% for the year of 2004 as compared to the year of 2003.

Trust income and brokerage commissions increased \$1.13 million or 12.05% due to an increased volume of trust and brokerage business. During 2004, United realized net gains on securities transactions of \$1.10 million as compared to a net gain of \$1.83 million during 2003.

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All other noninterest income from continuing operations increased \$1.87 million for the year of 2004 compared to the year of 2003 due mainly to income from bank-owned life insurance policies (BOLI). United added approximately \$12 million of BOLI during 2004.

Consolidated noninterest income, including net gains and losses from securities transactions, decreased \$16.25 million or 15.73% for 2004 when compared to 2003. Consolidated noninterest income for 2004 included a \$17.0 million gain on the sale of the discontinued operations of Mason Mortgage.

**Other Expense**

Noninterest expense from continuing operations for the year of 2004 was \$137.06 million, an increase of \$7.52 million or 5.81% from the year of 2003. United incurred increases during 2004 in most major categories of noninterest expense from continuing operations mainly due to the Sequoia acquisition which was only included in United's results for one quarter in 2003.

Salaries and benefits from continuing operations increased \$1.68 million or 3.07% for the year of 2004 compared to the year of 2003. Salaries expense for 2004 was \$45.17 million or 7.09% above the 2003 level due mainly to an increase in salary levels and in part to the Sequoia acquisition, which consummated during the fourth quarter of 2003. Net occupancy expense from continuing operations in 2004 increased from 2003 levels by \$1.28 million or 11.37%.

The higher net occupancy expense for 2004 was due to increased building rental costs from the additional branch locations added by the Sequoia acquisition, included in United's results only for the last three months of 2003. For the year of 2004, United incurred pre-tax penalties of \$18.98 million to prepay or refinance approximately \$158.5 million of long-term FHLB advances. During 2003, United prepaid approximately \$156.5 million of long-term FHLB advances which resulted in before-tax prepayment penalties of \$16.69 million. United prepaid and refinanced these long-term FHLB advances to reduce interest expense in future periods.

Remaining other expense increased \$2.28 million or 4.87% in 2004 from 2003 due to increased general operating expenses as a result of the Sequoia acquisition.

Consolidated noninterest expense decreased \$22.25 million or 12.60% for the year ended December 31, 2004 as compared to the year ended 2003. The decrease in consolidated noninterest expense from the previous year was primarily due to the inclusion of expenses related to Mason Mortgage for only six months in 2004. United's consolidated efficiency ratio was 49.12% for the year of 2004 as compared to 57.04% for the year of 2003.

**Income Taxes**

For the year ended December 31, 2004, consolidated income taxes were \$40.10 million, compared to \$33.76 million for 2003. Income taxes from continuing operations were \$33.77 million for the year of 2004, an increase of \$5.76 million from income taxes for the year of 2003 due to a higher level of earnings. For the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, United's effective tax rates were 29.1% and 30.0%, respectively.

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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. Achieving consistency in United's earnings is 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.

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 net interest income sensitivity 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 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 attends to 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 ongoing 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, 2005 and 2004:

<b>Change in Interest Rates (basis points)</b>	<b>Percentage Change in Net Interest Income</b>	
	<b>December 31, 2005</b>	<b>December 31, 2004</b>
+ 200	2.50%	4.34%
+100	1.47%	2.55%
-100	-3.56%	-5.20%
- 200	-9.62%	

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 1.47% over one year as of December 31, 2005, as compared to an increase of 2.55% as of December 31, 2004. A 200 basis point immediate, sustained upward shock in the yield curve would



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increase net interest income by an estimated 2.50% over one year as of December 31, 2005, as compared to an increase of 4.34% as of December 31, 2004. A 100 and 200 basis point immediate, sustained downward shock in the yield curve would decrease net interest income by an estimated 3.56% and 9.62%, respectively, over one year as of December 31, 2005. A 100 basis point immediate, sustained downward shock in the yield curve would have decreased net interest income by an estimated 5.20% over one year as of December 31, 2004. With the federal funds rate at 2.25% at December 31, 2004, management believed a 200 basis point immediate, sustained decline in rates was highly unlikely. All of these estimated changes in net interest income are 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. Presently, United's derivative instruments consist of interest rate swaps only. 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, 2005, United's mortgage related securities portfolio had an amortized cost of \$969 million, of which approximately \$864 million or 89% were fixed rate collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs). These fixed rate CMOs consisted primarily of planned amortization class (PACs) and accretion directed (VADMs) bonds having an average life of approximately 2.6 years and a weighted average yield of 4.16%, under current projected prepayment assumptions. These securities are expected to have very little extension risk in a rising rate environment. Current models show that in rates up 300 basis points, the average life of these securities would extend to 2.9 years. The projected price decline of the fixed rate CMO portfolio in rates up 300 basis points would be 7.3%, roughly equivalent to 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 \$21 million in 30-year mortgage backed securities with a projected yield of 6.66% and a projected average life of 3.9 years on December 31, 2005. 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 remainder of the mortgage related securities portfolio at December 31, 2005, consisted primarily of adjustable rate securities (ARMs), balloon securities, and 10-year, and 15-year mortgage backed pass-through securities.



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**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, 2005. 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, 2005, the Company's internal control over financial reporting is effective based on those criteria.

Management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005, has been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, the independent registered public accounting firm who also audited the Company's consolidated financial statements. Ernst & Young's audit report on management's assessment of the Company's internal control over financial reporting appears on page 39 hereof.

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**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 management's assessment, included in the accompanying Report on Management's Assessment of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, that United Bankshares, Inc. maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005, 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. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assessment and an opinion on the effectiveness of 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, evaluating management's assessment, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control, 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, management's assessment that United Bankshares, Inc. maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005, is fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the COSO criteria. Also, in our opinion, United Bankshares, Inc. maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005, 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 as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the related consolidated statements of income, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2005 of United Bankshares, Inc. and our report dated February 24, 2006 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Charleston, West Virginia  
February 24, 2006

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**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 as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, 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, 2005. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company'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, 2005 and 2004, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2005, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

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, 2005, 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 24, 2006 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Charleston, West Virginia  
February 24, 2006

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## UNITED BANKSHARES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

	<b>December 31 2005</b>	<b>December 31 2004</b>
(Dollars in thousands, except par value)		
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 188,974	\$ 132,306
Interest-bearing deposits with other banks	9,836	21,159
Federal funds sold	9,152	
Total cash and cash equivalents	207,962	153,465
Securities available for sale at estimated fair value (amortized cost-\$1,289,213 at December 31, 2005 and \$1,266,931 at December 31, 2004)	1,274,621	1,277,160
Securities held to maturity (estimated fair value-\$232,671 at December 31, 2005 and \$241,592 at December 31, 2004)	227,345	233,282
Loans held for sale	3,324	3,981
Loans	4,656,522	4,424,702
Less: Unearned income	(6,693)	(6,426)
Loans net of unearned income	4,649,829	4,418,276
Less: Allowance for loan losses	(44,138)	(43,365)
Net loans	4,605,691	4,374,911
Bank premises and equipment	39,626	41,564
Goodwill	167,487	166,926
Accrued interest receivable	32,027	27,371
Other assets	170,409	157,311
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 6,728,492</b>	<b>\$ 6,435,971</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Deposits:		
Noninterest-bearing	\$ 959,674	\$ 885,339
Interest-bearing	3,657,778	3,412,224
Total deposits	4,617,452	4,297,563
Borrowings:		
Federal funds purchased	61,370	131,106
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	525,604	546,425
Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings	723,818	669,322
Other short-term borrowings	4,451	4,427
Other long-term borrowings	88,913	89,433
Allowance for lending-related commitments	8,733	7,988
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	62,946	58,200
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>6,093,287</b>	<b>5,804,464</b>
<b>Shareholders Equity</b>	<b>110,802</b>	<b>110,802</b>

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Common stock, \$2.50 par value; Authorized-100,000,000 shares;  
issued-44,320,832 at December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, including  
2,312,653 and 1,312,387 shares in treasury at December 31, 2005 and  
December 31, 2004, respectively

Surplus		97,374		99,773
Retained earnings		515,227		459,393
Accumulated other comprehensive income		(10,551)		3,739
Treasury stock, at cost		(77,647)		(42,200)
	TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	635,205		631,507
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	\$ 6,728,492		\$ 6,435,971

*See notes to consolidated financial statements*

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UNITED BANKSHARES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)	<b>Year Ended December 31</b>		
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
<b>Interest income</b>			
Interest and fees on loans	\$ 274,882	\$ 229,153	\$ 211,096
Interest on federal funds sold and other short-term investments	850	406	1,057
Interest and dividends on securities:			
Taxable	57,023	55,436	51,701
Tax-exempt	12,523	8,355	8,666
Total interest income	345,278	293,350	272,520
<b>Interest expense</b>			
Interest on deposits	73,146	48,380	53,683
Interest on short-term borrowings	17,816	7,400	7,361
Interest on long-term borrowings	33,489	33,134	34,460
Total interest expense	124,451	88,914	95,504
Net interest income	220,827	204,436	177,016
Provision for credit losses	5,618	4,520	7,475
Net interest income after provision for credit losses	215,209	199,916	169,541
<b>Other income</b>			
Fees from trust and brokerage services	11,083	10,518	9,387
Service charges, commissions, and fees	33,762	34,953	33,247
Income from bank-owned life insurance	4,753	4,282	2,160
Mortgage banking income	1,055	729	2,570
Security gains	695	1,110	1,830
Other income	1,277	2,639	2,890
Total other income	52,625	54,231	52,084
<b>Other expense</b>			
Salaries and employee benefits	59,197	56,526	54,843
Net occupancy expense	12,201	12,551	11,270
Equipment expense	7,032	7,613	8,303
Data processing expense	5,625	4,528	4,098
Prepayment penalties on FHLB advances	406	18,975	16,691
Other expense	36,699	36,868	34,333
Total other expense	121,160	137,061	129,538
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	146,674	117,086	92,087
Income taxes	46,265	33,771	28,010

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Income from continuing operations	100,409	83,315	64,077
Gain on sale of discontinued operations		17,000	
Other operating income		3,780	20,433
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	\$ 100,409	\$ 97,762	\$ 78,765

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UNITED BANKSHARES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)	<b>Year Ended December 31</b>		
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Earnings per common share from continuing operations:			
Basic	\$ 2.36	\$ 1.92	\$ 1.52
Diluted	\$ 2.33	\$ 1.89	\$ 1.50
Earnings per common share from discontinued operations:			
Basic		\$ 0.33	\$ 0.35
Diluted		\$ 0.33	\$ 0.35
Earnings per common share:			
Basic	\$ 2.36	\$ 2.25	\$ 1.87
Diluted	\$ 2.33	\$ 2.22	\$ 1.85
Dividends per common share	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.02	\$ 1.00
Average outstanding shares:			
Basic	42,514,445	43,404,586	42,076,180
Diluted	43,024,861	43,978,914	42,620,568
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UNITED BANKSHARES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

	Common Stock			Accumulated		Total	
	Shares	Par	Surplus	Retained	Other	Shareholders	
(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)		Value		Earnings	Comprehensive	Equity	
				(Loss)	Treasury		
Balance at January 1, 2003	43,381,769	108,454	89,360	369,122	13,060	(38,457)	541,539
Comprehensive income, net of tax:							
Net income				78,765			78,765
Unrealized losses on securities of \$5,855 net of reclassification adjustment for gains included in net income of \$1,189					(7,044)		(7,044)
Accretion of the unrealized loss for securities transferred from the available for sale to the held to maturity investment portfolio					496		496
Total comprehensive income, net of tax							72,217
Acquisition of Sequoia Bancshares, Inc. (2,639,062 shares)	939,063	2,348	26,060			49,072	77,480
Purchase of treasury stock (1,257,135 shares)						(37,361)	(37,361)
Common dividends declared (\$1.00 per share)				(42,028)			(42,028)
Common stock options exercised (274,191 shares)			(4,828)			8,172	3,344
Balance at December 31, 2003	44,320,832	110,802	110,592	405,859	6,512	(18,574)	615,191
Comprehensive income, net of tax:							
Net income				97,762			97,762
Unrealized losses on securities of \$2,558 net of reclassification adjustment for gains included in net income of \$723					(3,281)		(3,281)
Accretion of the unrealized loss for securities transferred from the available for sale to the held to maturity investment portfolio					508		508
Total comprehensive income, net of tax							94,989
Purchase of treasury stock (1,245,542 shares)						(40,812)	(40,812)
Common dividends declared (\$1.02 per share)				(44,228)			(44,228)
Common stock options exercised (564,387 shares)			(10,819)			17,186	6,367
Balance at December 31, 2004	44,320,832	110,802	99,773	459,393	3,739	(42,200)	631,507
Comprehensive income, net of tax:							
Net income				100,409			100,409
Unrealized losses on securities of \$15,681 net of reclassification adjustment for gains					(16,133)		(16,133)

included in net income of \$452								
Unrealized gain on cash flow hedge, net of tax of \$727						1,350		1,350
Accretion of the unrealized loss for securities transferred from the available for sale to the held to maturity investment portfolio						493		493
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

*See notes to consolidated financial statements*

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

	<b>Year Ended December 31</b>		
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
(Dollars in thousands)			
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES OF CONTINUING OPERATIONS</b>			
Net income from continuing operations	\$ 100,409	\$ 83,315	\$ 64,077
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:			
Provision for credit losses	5,618	4,520	7,475
Depreciation, amortization and accretion	13,192	13,556	18,284
(Gain) loss on sales of bank premises, OREO and equipment	(33)	(225)	163
(Gain) loss on securities transactions	(695)	(1,110)	(1,830)
Loans originated for sale	(72,202)	(51,043)	(132,505)
Proceeds from sales of loans	73,914	49,481	138,539
Gain on sales of loans	(1,055)	(732)	(2,570)
Stock-based compensation	21		
Deferred income tax (benefit) expense	(727)	6,655	(1,718)
Changes in:			
Interest receivable	(4,656)	(692)	2,050
Other assets	(4,076)	(15,002)	3,301
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	3,169	5,738	(8,893)
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>112,879</b>	<b>94,461</b>	<b>86,373</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES OF CONTINUING OPERATIONS</b>			
Proceeds from maturities and calls of held to maturity securities	6,972	15,390	25,074
Purchases of held to maturity securities	(453)	(4,004)	(875)
Proceeds from sales of securities available for sale	247,354	257,689	119,948
Proceeds from maturities and calls of securities available for sale	211,185	617,942	1,273,656
Purchases of securities available for sale	(485,812)	(896,977)	(1,534,937)
Purchases of bank owned life insurance		(11,809)	(72,167)
Net cash of acquired subsidiary			(7,685)
Net purchases of bank premises and equipment	(3,051)	(3,003)	(694)
Net change in loans	(238,154)	(467,709)	(94,450)
<b>NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(261,959)</b>	<b>(492,481)</b>	<b>(292,130)</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES OF CONTINUING OPERATIONS</b>			
Dividends paid	(44,409)	(43,967)	(41,625)
Acquisition of treasury stock	(41,289)	(40,812)	(37,361)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	3,233	6,367	3,344
Distribution of treasury stock for deferred compensation plan	39		
Net proceeds from debt related to trust preferred securities			44,120
Repayment of long-term Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings	(133,353)	(172,432)	(107,952)
Proceeds from long-term Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings	150,000	248,511	493,177
Changes in:			

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Time deposits	255,644	15,959	(249,443)
Other deposits	64,245	145,692	185,944
Federal funds purchased, securities sold under agreements to repurchase and other short-term borrowings	(50,533)	95,016	(6,629)
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>203,577</b>	<b>254,334</b>	<b>283,575</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS OF DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS</b>			
(Revised-See Note B):			
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities		(22,310)	409,167
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		41,252	(70,291)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		23,268	(337,116)
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS</b>		<b>42,210</b>	<b>1,760</b>
<b>(DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>54,497</b>	<b>(101,476)</b>	<b>79,578</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year, continuing operations	153,465	249,118	171,300
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year, discontinued operations		5,823	4,063
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>153,465</b>	<b>254,941</b>	<b>175,363</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year, continuing operations	207,962	153,465	249,118
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year, discontinued operations			5,823
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 207,962</b>	<b>\$ 153,465</b>	<b>\$ 254,941</b>

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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
UNITED BANKSHARES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

December 31, 2005

**NOTE A SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Nature of Operations:** United Bankshares, Inc. is a multi-bank holding company headquartered in Charleston, West Virginia. Prior to July 7, 2004, United's principal business activities were community banking and mortgage banking. On July 7, 2004, United closed the sale of its wholly owned mortgage banking subsidiary, George Mason Mortgage, LLC (Mason Mortgage). United's mortgage banking activities were conducted primarily through Mason Mortgage. 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.

**Discontinued Operations:** The business related to Mason Mortgage is accounted for as discontinued operations as required by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets (SFAS No. 144). In accordance with SFAS No. 144, the results of operations and cash flows for Mason Mortgage have been removed from United's results of continuing operations and presented as discontinued operations for all periods presented.

**Operating Segments:** Prior to July 7, 2004, United operated community banking and mortgage banking segments. As noted above, United sold its wholly owned mortgage banking subsidiary, Mason Mortgage, on July 7, 2004, essentially exiting the wholesale mortgage banking business. Mason Mortgage, which was previously reported as a separate segment, is now presented as discontinued operations for all periods presented.

**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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. 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.

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation. The reclassifications had no effect on net income or shareholders' equity.

**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 holding 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

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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. 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.

**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. 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 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.

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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 borrower's 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 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 are recorded at their estimated fair values in securities available for sale. Since quoted market prices are generally not available for subordinated interests, United estimates 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 cost of the available for sale securities was fully amortized as of June 30, 2005.

United recognizes the excess of all cash flows attributable to the subordinated interests using the effective yield method. However, because the amortized cost 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. On a quarterly basis, United reviews its securitized assets for impairment. If the fair value of the subordinated interest has declined below its carrying value, then an impairment analysis is performed. If there has been an adverse change in the estimated cash flows from the previous cash flows projected, then the condition for an other-than-temporary impairment has been met and the subordinated interest is written down to the estimated fair value.

**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, 2005 and 2004, other real estate owned (OREO) included in Other Assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheets was \$2,941,000 and \$3,692,000, 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 \$3,194,000, \$3,075,000 and \$2,553,000 for the years of 2005, 2004, and 2003, 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.

**Intangible Assets:** Intangible assets relating to the estimated value of the deposit base of the acquired institutions are being

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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.

Goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite useful lives are not amortized, but are 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 \$2,292,000, \$2,726,000 and \$2,070,000 in 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively, related to all intangible assets. As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, total goodwill approximated \$167,487,000 and \$166,926,000.

**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 used 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, 2005. 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.

Because the critical terms of the hedged financial instruments and the interest rate payments to be received on the swaps coincide and thus are effective in offsetting changes in the fair value of the hedged financial instruments over their remaining term, a perfect hedge is created. 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. Under both the fair value and cash flow hedge methods, any derivative gains or losses not effective in hedging the change in fair value or expected cash flows of the hedged item would be recognized immediately in the income statement. 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 fair value.

**Stock Options:** United has stock option plans for certain employees that have been accounted for under the intrinsic value method. Because the exercise price at the date of the grant is equal to the market value of the stock, no compensation expense has been recognized.

In December 2004, FASB enacted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards 123 revised 2004 (SFAS 123R),

*Share-Based Payment* which replaces Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (SFAS 123), *Accounting for Stock- Based Compensation*. 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. The new standard which is effective for United on January 1, 2006 may be adopted in one of two ways – the modified prospective transition method or the modified retrospective transition method. United expects to adopt SFAS 123R using the modified prospective transition method. Prior to 2004, United disclosed pro forma compensation expense quarterly and annually by calculating the stock option grants fair value using the Black-Scholes model and disclosing the impact on net income and net income per share. For options granted in 2004 and 2005, United used a binomial lattice model to value the options granted and determine the pro forma compensation expense presented in the table below. United intends



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to use this binomial lattice model to value future grants. 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. United, as does the FASB, believes the use of a binomial lattice model for option valuation is capable of more fully reflecting certain characteristics of employee stock options compared to the Black-Scholes options pricing model. For United, the difference in fair values calculated under each option pricing model is immaterial.

The table below reflects the estimated impact of recording stock compensation expense using a fair value method would have had on our net income and net income per share if it had been in effect during 2005, 2004, and 2003. United will apply SFAS 123R in the interim reporting period ending March 31, 2006, as required. United does expect the adoption to have a material impact on its consolidated statements of income and net income per share.

The following pro forma disclosures 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 thousands, except per share)	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Net Income, as reported	\$ 100,409	\$ 97,762	\$ 78,765
Less pro forma expense related to options granted, net of tax	(3,496)	(1,061)	(872)
Pro forma net income	\$ 96,913	\$ 96,701	\$ 77,893
Pro forma net income per share:			
Basic as reported	\$ 2.36	\$ 2.25	\$ 1.87
Basic pro forma	\$ 2.28	\$ 2.23	\$ 1.85
Diluted as reported	\$ 2.33	\$ 2.22	\$ 1.85
Diluted pro forma	\$ 2.25	\$ 2.20	\$ 1.83

The estimated fair value of the options at the date of grant was \$7.26, \$6.98 and \$5.32 for the options granted during 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The fair value of the options for 2005 and 2004 was estimated at the date of grant using a binomial lattice option pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions for 2005 and 2004, respectively: risk-free interest rates of 4.47% and 3.66%; dividend yield of 3.00% for both years; volatility factors of the expected market price of United's common stock of 0.2226 and 0.2223; and a weighted-average expected option life of 6.06 and 6.01 years. The fair value of the options for 2003 was estimated at the date of grant using a Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions for 2003: risk-free interest rates of 3.90%; dividend yields of 3.48%; volatility factors of the expected market price of United's common stock of 0.2090 and a weighted-average expected option life of 7.00 years.

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 recognized the remaining amount of compensation cost for the year of 2005, the period in which the modification was made, in the proforma disclosures above.

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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 current literature. 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, when employees exercise stock options), United did not recognize any such amounts in operating cash flows for the years of 2005, 2004 and 2003.

In March of 2005, the SEC issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 107 (SAB 107), Share-Based Payment. SAB 107 provides guidance regarding the application of SFAS 123R including option valuation methods, the accounting for income tax effects of share-based payment arrangements upon the adoption of SFAS 123R, and the required disclosures within filings made with the SEC related to the accounting for share-based payment transactions. United will provide SAB 107 required disclosures beginning in the interim reporting period ending March 31, 2006, as required.

**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 510,416 shares in 2005, 574,328 shares in 2004 and 544,388 shares in 2003. There are no other common stock equivalents. Basic and diluted earnings per common share for income from continuing and discontinued operations are calculated in a similar manner.

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

<i>(Dollars in thousands, except per share)</i>	<b>Year Ended December 31</b>		
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
<b>Numerators for both basic and diluted earnings per share:</b>			
Income from Continuing Operations	\$ 100,409	\$ 83,315	\$ 64,077
Income from Discontinued Operations		14,447	14,688
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 100,409</b>	<b>\$ 97,762</b>	<b>\$ 78,765</b>
<b>Denominators:</b>			
Average common shares outstanding basic	42,514,445	43,404,586	42,076,180
Equivalents from stock options	510,416	574,328	544,388
Average common shares outstanding diluted	43,024,861	43,978,914	42,620,568
<b>Basic Earnings Per Share:</b>			
Income from Continuing Operations	\$ 2.36	\$ 1.92	\$ 1.52
Income from Discontinued Operations		0.33	0.35
Net Income	\$ 2.36	\$ 2.25	\$ 1.87

**Diluted Earnings Per Share:**

Income from Continuing Operations	\$	2.33	\$	1.89	\$	1.50
Income from Discontinued Operations				0.33		0.35
Net Income	\$	2.33	\$	2.22	\$	1.85

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**Other Recent Accounting Pronouncements:** In June of 2005, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement No. 154 (SFAS 154), Accounting Changes and Error Corrections, a replacement of APB No. 20, Accounting Changes and FASB Statement No. 3, Reporting Accounting Changes in Interim Financial Statements. SFAS 154 applies to all voluntary changes in accounting principle and changes the requirements for accounting for, and reporting of, a change in accounting principle. Previously, most voluntary changes in accounting principles were required to be recognized by way of a cumulative effect adjustment within net income during the period of the change. SFAS 154 requires retrospective application to prior periods' financial statements, unless it is impracticable to determine either the period specific effects or the cumulative effect of the change. SFAS 154 is effective for accounting changes and corrections of errors made in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005. The implementation of FAS 154 is not expected to have a material impact on United's consolidated financial statements.

**NOTE B DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS**

On July 7, 2004, United closed the sale of its wholly owned mortgage banking subsidiary, George Mason Mortgage, LLC (Mason Mortgage) for an amount equivalent to Mason Mortgage's net worth plus cash of \$17 million in exchange for all of the outstanding membership interests in Mason Mortgage. With an increasing interest rate environment approaching at the time of the sale, United believed the time was right to sell its mortgage banking subsidiary. United felt that it had achieved the best from its mortgage banking segment during an extended period of historically low interest rates. United has continued to focus on retail mortgage lending through its banking subsidiaries. Mason Mortgage, which was previously reported as a separate segment, is presented as discontinued operations for all periods presented in these financial statements.

The results of Mason Mortgage are presented as discontinued operations in a separate category on the income statement following the results from continuing operations. All assets and liabilities of Mason Mortgage were sold as of July 7, 2004 and thus, were not included in the December 31, 2005 or December 31, 2004 consolidated balance sheets. No income from discontinued operations was recorded for 2005 as the sale of Mason Mortgage occurred in 2004. The income from discontinued operations for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003 is presented below:

**Statement of Income for Discontinued Operations**

(Dollars in thousands)	Year Ended December 31		
	2004	2003	
<b>Interest income</b>	\$ 6,850	\$ 24,988	
<b>Interest expense</b>	1,543	8,647	
	Net interest income	5,307	16,341
<b>Other income</b>			
Service charges, commissions, and fees	565	1,896	
Income from mortgage banking operations	15,271	49,336	
Gain on sale of discontinued operations	17,000		
	Total other income	32,836	51,232
<b>Other expense</b>			
Salaries and employee benefits expense	13,574	38,456	
Net occupancy expense	985	1,822	
Other noninterest expense	2,804	6,862	
	Total other expense	17,363	47,140

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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

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In 2005, United has separately disclosed the operating, investing and financing portions of the cash flows attributable to its discontinued operations, which in prior periods were reported on a combined basis as a single amount. No cash flows were associated with discontinued operations in 2005 as the sale of Mason Mortgage occurred in 2004. Included in operating cash flows of discontinued operations for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003 were originations of loans held for sale of \$1,631,724,000 and \$4,182,879,000, respectively, and proceeds from sale of loans held for sale of \$1,600,665,000 and \$4,600,833,000, respectively.

**NOTE C INVESTMENT SECURITIES**

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

(In thousands)	Amortized Cost	December 31, 2005		Estimated Fair Value
		Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of				
U.S. Government corporations and agencies	\$ 11,133		\$ 114	\$ 11,019
State and political subdivisions	113,537	\$2,054	1,026	114,565
Mortgage-backed securities	968,186	2,233	20,028	950,391
Marketable equity securities	6,914	389	89	7,214
Other	189,443	2,518	529	191,432
Total	\$1,289,213	\$7,194	\$21,786	\$1,274,621

(In thousands)	Amortized Cost	December 31, 2004		Estimated Fair Value
		Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of				
U.S. Government corporations and agencies	\$ 13,395	\$ 8	\$ 20	\$ 13,383
State and political subdivisions	67,054	2,387	91	69,350
Mortgage-backed securities	986,328	9,051	6,251	989,128
Marketable equity securities	8,597	1,500	39	10,058
Other	191,557	3,844	160	195,241
Total	\$1,266,931	\$16,790	\$6,561	\$1,277,160

The amortized cost and estimated fair value of securities available for sale at December 31, 2005 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.

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Maturities of mortgage-backed securities with an amortized cost of \$968,186,000 and an estimated fair value of \$950,391,000 at December 31, 2005 are included below based upon contractual maturity.

(In thousands)	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Estimated Fair Value</b>
Due in one year or less	\$ 7,735	\$ 7,733
Due after one year through five years	81,964	81,498
Due after five years through ten years	262,408	257,134
Due after ten years	930,192	921,042
Marketable equity securities	6,914	7,214
Total	\$ 1,289,213	\$ 1,274,621

In March 2004, the FASB ratified the consensus reached by the Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) regarding Issue 03-1, *The Meaning of Other-Than-Temporary Impairment and Its Application to Certain Investments* (EITF 03-1). The issue provides guidance for evaluating whether an investment is other-than-temporarily impaired and requires certain disclosures with respect to these investments. The FASB delayed the guidance in EITF 03-1 regarding measurement and recognition of other-than-temporary impairment. In June 2005, the FASB decided not to provide additional guidance on the meaning of other-than-temporary impairment and directed the staff to issue proposed FASB-directed Staff Position (FSP) EITF 03-1-a, *Implementation Guidance for the Application of Paragraph 16 of EITF Issue No. 03-1*, as final. The final FSP supersedes EITF Issue No. 03-1, *The Meaning of Other-Than-Temporary Impairment and Its Application to Certain Investments*, and EITF Topic No. D-44, *Recognition of Other-Than-Temporary Impairment upon the Planned Sale of a Security Whose Cost Exceeds Fair Value*. The final FSP (retitled FSP FAS 115-1, *The Meaning of Other-Than-Temporary Impairment and Its Application to Certain Investments*) replaces the guidance set forth in paragraphs 10 through 18 of EITF 03-1 with references to existing other-than-temporary impairment guidance, such as FASB Statement No. 115, *Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities*, SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 59, *Accounting for Noncurrent Marketable Equity Securities*, and APB Opinion No. 18, *The Equity Method of Accounting for Investments in Common Stock*. FSP FAS 115-1 codifies the guidance set forth in EITF Topic D-44 and clarifies that an investor should recognize an impairment loss no later than when the impairment is deemed other than temporary, even if a decision to sell has not been made. FASB decided that FSP FAS 115-1 would be effective for other-than-temporary impairment analysis conducted in periods beginning after September 15, 2005. Adoption of FSP FAS 115-1 did not have a significant impact upon United's consolidated financial statements.

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Provided below is a summary of securities available-for-sale which were in an unrealized loss position at December 31, 2005 and 2004:

(In thousands)	Less than 12 months		12 months or longer	
	Market Value	Unrealized Losses	Market Value	Unrealized Losses
<b>2005</b>				
Treasuries and agencies	\$ 5,627	\$ 22	\$ 2,901	\$ 92
State and political	43,094	946	2,466	80
Mortgage-backed	397,788	6,622	478,820	13,406
Marketable equity securities			879	89
Other	17,510	265	18,174	264
Total	\$ 464,019	\$ 7,855	\$ 503,240	\$ 13,931
<b>2004</b>				
Treasuries and agencies	\$ 10,465	\$ 20		
State and political	5,442	72	\$ 1,247	\$ 19
Mortgage-backed	479,144	4,339	147,170	1,912
Marketable equity securities	177	23	748	16
Other	20,619	126	4,929	34
Total	\$ 515,847	\$ 4,580	\$ 154,094	\$ 1,981

At December 31, 2005, securities available-for-sale 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, 2005 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.

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

(In thousands)	Amortized Cost	December 31, 2005		Estimated Fair Value
		Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S.				
Government corporations and agencies	\$ 11,787	\$1,017		\$ 12,804
State and political subdivisions	67,304	1,786	\$ 1	69,089
Mortgage-backed securities	395	16		411
Other	147,859	3,660	1,152	150,367
Total	\$227,345	\$6,479	\$1,153	\$232,671





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(In thousands)	<b>December 31, 2004</b>			<b>Estimated Fair Value</b>
	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Gains</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Losses</b>	
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S.				
Government corporations and agencies	\$ 11,886	\$ 1,220		\$ 13,106
State and political subdivisions	71,929	2,705	\$ 4	74,630
Mortgage-backed securities	588	35		623
Other	148,879	6,926	2,572	153,233
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$233,282</b>	<b>\$10,886</b>	<b>\$2,576</b>	<b>\$241,592</b>

The amortized cost and estimated fair value of debt securities held to maturity at December 31, 2005 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 \$395,000 and an estimated fair value of \$411,000 at December 31, 2005 are included below based upon contractual maturity.

(In thousands)	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Estimated Fair Value</b>
	Due in one year or less	\$ 13,057
Due after one year through five years	39,012	40,552
Due after five years through ten years	23,612	24,165
Due after ten years	151,664	154,848
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 227,345</b>	<b>\$ 232,671</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 \$1,007,896,000 and \$1,034,573,000 at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

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

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
		(In thousands)	
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S.			
Government agencies and corporations	\$ 11,133	\$ 13,395	\$ 32,681
States and political subdivisions	113,537	67,054	70,532
Mortgage-backed securities	968,186	986,328	954,567
Marketable equity securities	6,914	8,597	12,843
Other	189,443	191,557	180,734
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR SALE SECURITIES</b>	<b>\$ 1,289,213</b>	<b>\$ 1,266,931</b>	<b>\$ 1,251,357</b>

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

	2005	2004	2003
	(In thousands)		
U.S. Treasury and other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	\$ 11,787	\$ 11,886	\$ 11,978
States and political subdivisions	67,304	71,929	80,607
Mortgage-backed securities	395	588	1,056
Other	147,859	148,879	150,334
<b>TOTAL HELD TO MATURITY SECURITIES</b>	<b>\$ 227,345</b>	<b>\$ 233,282</b>	<b>\$ 243,975</b>

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 losses of \$17,779,000 at December 31, 2005 and net unrealized gains of \$2,835,000 at December 31, 2004 on all mortgage-backed securities.

The following table sets forth the maturities of all securities (based on amortized cost) at December 31, 2005, 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).

	Within 1 Year		After 1 But Within 5 Years		After 5 But Within 10 Years		After 10 Years	
	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield
(Dollars in thousands)								
U.S. Treasury and other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	\$ 7,149	3.29%	\$ 2,993	3.41%	\$ 991	4.95%	\$ 11,787	5.65%
States and political subdivisions (1)	2,453	6.88%	20,193	6.89%	58,683	6.37%	99,512	6.60%
Mortgage-backed securities	187	4.50%	75,189	4.25%	226,346	4.05%	666,859	4.40%
Other (2)	11,003	6.60%	22,601	6.59%			310,612	6.02%

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

(2) Includes marketable equity securities available for sale.

There are no securities with a single issuer the book value of which in the aggregate exceeds 10% of 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 credit losses of 15%, and discount rates of 8% to 18%.

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Key economic assumptions used in measuring the fair value of the fair value of the subordinated interest were as follows:

	<b>December 31</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Weighted-average life (in years)	0.5	1.7
Prepayment speed assumption (annual rate)	15.19% - 35.00%	15.19% - 33.00%
Cumulative default rate	19.21%	19.21%
Residual cash flows discount rate (annual rate)	6.32% - 12.95%	5.02% - 11.08%

Key economic assumptions and the sensitivity of the current fair value of residual cash flows to immediate 10% and 20% adverse changes in those assumptions are as follows:

	<b>December 31</b>	
(In thousands)	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Fair value of retained interests	\$ 1,095	\$ 8,276
Prepayment curve:		
(Decline) Increase in fair value of 10% adverse change	\$ (4)	\$ 267
(Decline) Increase in fair value of 20% adverse change	\$ (7)	\$ 518
Default curve:		
Decline in fair value of 10% adverse change	\$ 1,095	\$ 4,570
Decline in fair value of 20% adverse change	\$ 1,095	\$ 6,803
Discount rate:		
Decline in fair value of 10% adverse change	\$ 6	\$ 126
Decline in fair value of 20% adverse change	\$ 12	\$ 248

These sensitivities are hypothetical and should be used with caution. As indicated above, changes in fair value based on a 10% variation in assumptions generally cannot be extrapolated because the relationship of the change in the assumption to the change in the fair value may not be linear. Also, the effect of a variation in a particular assumption on the fair value of the retained interests is calculated without changing any other assumption; in reality, changes in one factor may result in changes in another factor (for example, increases in market interest rates may result in lower prepayments) that might magnify or counteract the sensitivities.

At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the fair values of the subordinated interest were \$1,095,000 and \$8,276,000, respectively, and are carried in the available for sale investment portfolio. The cost of the available for sale securities was zero at December 31, 2005 and \$3,878,000 at December 31, 2004.

At December 31, 2005, the principal balances of the residential mortgage loans held in the securitization trust were approximately \$15.7 million. Principal amounts owed to third party investors and to United in the securitization were approximately \$6.0 million and \$9.7 million, respectively, at December 31, 2005. United recognizes the excess of all cash flows attributable to the subordinated interest using the effective yield method. Because the amortized cost of United's subordinated interest was zero at December 31, 2005, the difference between the cash flows associated with these underlying mortgages and amounts owed to third party investors is recognized into interest income as cash is received by United over the remaining life of the loans. The weighted average term to maturity of the underlying mortgages approximated 14 years as of December 31, 2005. For the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, United received cash of \$7,689,000, \$12,789,000 and \$15,146,000, respectively, on the retained interest in the securitization. United recognized income on the

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retained interests of \$3,809,000, \$571,000 and \$678,000 for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, 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:

(In thousands)	Total Principal		Principal Amount of Loans 60 Days or More Past Due		Average Balances During the Year		Net Credit Losses	
	Amount of Loans At December 31,							
Type of Loan	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004
Residential mortgage loans (fixed-rate)	\$ 15,747	\$ 25,207	\$ 541	\$ 617	\$ 20,271	\$ 32,632	\$ 343	\$ 896

**NOTE E LOANS**

Major classifications of loans are as follows:

	2005	2004	December 31 2003	2002	2001
	(In thousands)				
Commercial, financial and agricultural	\$ 934,780	\$ 864,511	\$ 791,219	\$ 698,315	\$ 662,070
Real estate mortgage	2,994,406	2,849,917	2,590,527	2,323,582	2,293,318
Real estate construction	347,274	303,516	173,826	108,169	195,063
Consumer	380,062	406,758	405,065	374,241	354,934
Less: Unearned interest	(6,693)	(6,426)	(5,403)	(3,119)	(3,051)
<b>Total loans</b>	<b>4,649,829</b>	<b>4,418,276</b>	<b>3,955,234</b>	<b>3,501,188</b>	<b>3,502,334</b>
Allowance for loan losses	(44,138)	(43,365)	(41,578)	(41,621)	(43,170)
<b>TOTAL LOANS, NET</b>	<b>\$ 4,605,691</b>	<b>\$ 4,374,911</b>	<b>\$ 3,913,656</b>	<b>\$ 3,459,567</b>	<b>\$ 3,459,164</b>
Loans held for sale	\$ 3,324	\$ 3,981	\$ 1,687	\$ 5,151	\$ 9,359

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

	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Commercial, financial and agricultural	20.10%	19.57%	20.00%	19.95%	18.90%
Real estate mortgage	64.40%	64.50%	65.50%	66.36%	65.48%
Real estate construction	7.47%	6.87%	4.40%	3.09%	5.57%

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Consumer	8.03%	9.06%	10.10%	10.60%	10.05%
TOTAL	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

**Table of Contents****NOTE E LOANS** continued

United has commercial loans, including real estate and owner-occupied, income-producing real estate and land development loans, of approximately \$2,337,657,000 and \$2,190,277,000 as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. The loans are primarily secured by real estate located in West Virginia, Southeastern Ohio, Virginia and Maryland. 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.

The following table shows the maturity of commercial, financial, and agricultural loans and real estate construction outstanding as of December 31, 2005:

	<b>Less Than</b>	<b>One To</b>	<b>Greater</b>	
	<b>One Year</b>	<b>Five</b>	<b>Than</b>	
(In thousands)		<b>Years</b>	<b>Five Years</b>	<b>Total</b>
Commercial, financial and agricultural	\$ 480,350	\$ 271,487	\$ 182,943	\$ 934,780
Real estate construction	347,274			347,274
Total	\$ 827,624	\$ 271,487	\$ 182,943	\$ 1,282,054

At December 31, 2005, commercial, financial and agricultural loans by maturity are as follows:

	<b>Less Than</b>	<b>One to</b>	<b>Over</b>	
	<b>One Year</b>	<b>Five</b>	<b>Five</b>	
(In thousands)		<b>Years</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Total</b>
Outstanding with fixed interest rates	\$ 43,592	\$ 135,476	\$ 78,697	\$ 257,765
Outstanding with adjustable rates	436,758	136,011	104,246	677,015
	\$ 480,350	\$ 271,487	\$ 182,943	\$ 934,780

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 \$111,365,000 and \$109,126,000 at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. During 2005, \$319,338,000 of new loans were made and repayments totaled \$317,099,000.

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, 2005 and 2004, nonperforming loans were as follows:

	<b>December 31,</b>	
(In thousands)	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Nonaccrual loans	\$ 7,146	\$ 6,352
	6,039	4,425



Loans which are contractually past due 90 days or more as to interest or principal, and are still accruing interest

Total Nonperforming Loans	\$ 13,185	\$ 10,777
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**Table of Contents****NOTE E LOANS** continued

At December 31, 2005, the recorded investment in loans that were considered to be impaired was \$16,553,000 (of which \$7,146,000 was on a nonaccrual basis). Included in this amount were \$5,830,000 of impaired loans for which the related allowance for credit losses was \$1,008,000, and \$10,723,000 of impaired loans that did not have an allowance for credit losses. At December 31, 2004, the recorded investment in loans that were considered to be impaired was \$10,348,000 (of which \$6,352,000 was on a nonaccrual basis). Included in this amount were \$3,914,000 of impaired loans for which the related allowance for credit losses was \$997,000, and \$6,434,000 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, 2005, 2004 and 2003 was approximately \$15,940,000, \$15,709,000 and \$16,676,000, respectively.

The amount of interest income that would have been recorded on impaired loans, which are on nonaccrual, under the original terms was \$737,000, \$625,000 and \$1,209,000 for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, United recognized interest income on those impaired loans of approximately \$340,000, \$230,000 and \$745,000, 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 \$8,733,000 and \$7,988,000 at December 31, 2005 and 2004 is included in other liabilities. The combined allowances for loan losses and lending-related commitments are referred to as the allowance for credit losses.

An analysis of the allowance for credit losses follows:

(In thousands)	<b>Year Ended December 31</b>		
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 51,353	\$ 51,432	\$ 48,387
Allowance of purchased subsidiaries			3,863
Provision for credit losses	5,618	4,520	7,475
	56,971	55,952	59,725
Loans charged off	6,016	6,539	9,996
Less recoveries	1,916	2,063	1,703
Net charge-offs	4,100	4,476	8,293
Balance at end of period	\$ 52,871	\$ 51,476	\$ 51,432
Less: Balance, discontinued operations		(123)	(123)
Balance at end of period, continuing operations	\$ 52,871	\$ 51,353	\$ 51,309

**Table of Contents****NOTE G BANK PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT AND LEASES**

Bank premises and equipment are summarized as follows:

(In thousands)	<b>December 31</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Land	\$ 11,307	\$ 11,341
Buildings and improvements	47,467	47,181
Leasehold improvements	15,618	15,582
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	70,514	67,918
	144,906	142,022
Less allowance for depreciation and amortization	105,280	100,458
Net bank premises and equipment	\$ 39,626	\$ 41,564

Depreciation expense was \$4,933,000, \$5,663,000, and \$6,399,000 for years ending December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, 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 \$6,528,000, \$6,249,000 and \$5,126,000 for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, 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 \$968,000, \$100,000, and \$95,000 for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively.

Future minimum 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, 2005, consisted of the following:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount</b> (In thousands)
2006	\$ 5,974
2007	5,431
2008	5,166
2009	4,249
2010	3,387
Thereafter	7,695
Total minimum lease payments	\$ 31,902

**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)	<b>As of December 31, 2005</b>		
	<b>Gross Carrying Amount</b>	<b>Accumulated Amortization</b>	<b>Net Carrying Amount</b>
Amortized intangible assets:			
Core deposit intangible assets	\$ 19,890	(\$15,363)	\$ 4,527

Goodwill not subject to amortization	\$ 167,487
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**Table of Contents****NOTE H GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLES** continued

	<b>As of December 31, 2004</b>		
	<b>Gross Carrying Amount</b>	<b>Accumulated Amortization</b>	<b>Net Carrying Amount</b>
Amortized intangible assets:			
Core deposit intangible assets	\$ 19,890	(\$13,071)	\$ 6,819
Goodwill not subject to amortization			\$ 166,926

The following table sets forth the anticipated amortization expense for intangible assets for the years subsequent to 2005:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount</b> (In thousands)
2006	\$ 1,871
2007	1,462
2008	817
2009	303
2010	74

**NOTE I DEPOSITS**

The book value of deposits consisted of the following:

(In thousands)	<b>December 31</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Demand deposits	\$ 712,729	\$ 654,988
Interest-bearing checking	163,717	152,262
Regular savings	338,763	379,877
Money market accounts	1,544,233	1,508,070
Time deposits under \$100,000	1,202,496	1,107,471
Time deposits over \$100,000	655,514	494,895
Total deposits	\$ 4,617,452	\$ 4,297,563

Interest paid on deposits approximated \$70,189,000, \$48,017,000 and \$56,457,000 in 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

At December 31, 2005, the scheduled maturities of time deposits are as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount</b> (In thousands)
2006	\$ 1,089,334
2007	453,368
2008	127,471
2009	44,084
2010 and thereafter	143,753

Total

\$ 1,858,010

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**Table of Contents****NOTE I DEPOSITS** continued

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

	2005		2004		2003	
	Amount	Rate	Amount	Rate	Amount	Rate
	(Dollars in thousands)					
Demand deposits NOW and money market deposits	\$ 563,028		\$ 522,626		\$ 502,006	
Savings deposits	1,810,211	1.19%	1,704,114	0.69%	1,369,167	0.66%
Time deposits	370,118	0.26%	399,307	0.23%	395,057	0.29%
	1,717,190	2.95%	1,592,230	2.24%	1,616,729	2.69%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,460,547</b>	<b>1.64%</b>	<b>\$ 4,218,277</b>	<b>1.15%</b>	<b>\$ 3,882,959</b>	<b>1.38%</b>

Maturities of time certificates of deposit of \$100,000 or more outstanding at December 31, 2005 are summarized as follows:

	(Dollars In thousands)	Amount
3 months or less		\$ 195,238
Over 3 through 6 months		67,205
Over 6 through 12 months		120,231
Over 12 months		272,840
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 655,514</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 \$84,364,000 and \$58,865,000 at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

**NOTE J SHORT-TERM BORROWINGS**

At December 31, 2005 and 2004, short-term borrowings and the related weighted-average interest rates were as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	2005		2004	
	Amount	Weighted-Average Rate	Amount	Weighted-Average Rate
Federal funds purchased	\$ 61,370	4.13%	\$ 131,106	2.41%
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	525,604	2.98%	546,425	1.47%
Overnight FHLB Advances	265,000	4.17%	225,000	2.17%
TT&L note option	4,451	3.95%	4,427	1.87%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 856,425</b>		<b>\$ 906,958</b>	

Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase have been a significant source of funds for the company. United has various unused lines of credit available from certain of its correspondent banks in the

aggregate amount of \$200,000,000. 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.



**Table of Contents****NOTE J SHORT-TERM BORROWINGS** continued

The following table 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)	<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>Securities Sold Under Agreements To Repurchase</b>
At December 31:	<b>Purchased</b>	
2005	\$ 61,370	\$ 525,604
2004	131,106	546,425
2003	90,540	549,163
Weighted-average interest rate at year end:		
2005	4.1%	3.0%
2004	2.4%	1.5%
2003	1.1%	1.9%
Maximum amount outstanding at any month's end:		
2005	\$ 100,513	\$ 622,822
2004	131,106	637,229
2003	388,375	612,849
Average amount outstanding during the year:		
2005	\$ 78,643	\$ 560,756
2004	80,571	600,546
2003	49,682	520,517
Weighted-average interest rate during the year:		
2005	3.3%	2.3%
2004	1.4%	1.1%
2003	1.2%	1.3%

At December 31, 2005, repurchase agreements included \$442,616,000 in overnight accounts. The remaining balance principally consists of agreements having maturities less than two years. 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. At December 31, 2005, 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 and that amount 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, 2005, United Bank (VA) had an outstanding balance of \$4,451,000 and had additional funding available of \$549,000.

Interest paid on short-term borrowings approximated \$18,098,000, \$7,335,000 and \$7,328,000 in 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

**Table of Contents****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, 2005, the total carrying value of loans pledged as collateral for FHLB advances approximated \$1,765,470,000. United had an unused borrowing amount as of December 31, 2005 of approximately \$1,213,356,000 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. In the fourth quarter of 2005, United prepaid a \$6.5 million long-term FHLB advance with an interest rate of 6.23%. As a result of prepaying this advance, United incurred a before-tax penalty of approximately \$406 thousand in the quarter. During the fourth quarter of 2004, United refinanced approximately \$26 million of a long-term FHLB advance with an interest rate of 6.23% at an overnight interest rate of 2.17%. As a result of refinancing this advance, United incurred a before-tax penalty of approximately \$3.0 million during the quarter. With the cash proceeds arising from the sale of Mason Mortgage and with the monies received from Mason Mortgage to repay amounts borrowed from United, certain FHLB long-term advances in the amount of approximately \$132.5 million with a weighted-average interest rate of 6.25% were prepaid by United in the third quarter of 2004. The prepayment of these borrowings resulted in a pre-tax charge of \$16.0 million recognized in continuing operations in the third quarter of 2004.

At December 31, 2005 and 2004, FHLB advances and the related weighted-average interest rates were as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	Amount	2005		2004		
		Weighted-Average Contractual Rate	Weighted-Average Effective Rate	Amount	Weighted-Average Contractual Rate	Weighted-Average Effective Rate
FHLB advances	\$458,818	5.59%	5.96%	\$444,322	5.43%	5.37%

The weighted-average effective rate considers the effect of the interest rate swaps entered into during 2005 and 2003 to manage interest rate risk on its long-term debt. Additional information is provided in Note O.

United has a total of seven 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. The Debentures are 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. The banking regulatory agencies recently issued guidance which did not change the regulatory capital treatment for the Trust Preferred Securities based on the adoption of FIN 46R, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities. The Trust Preferred Securities are a way to generate long-term funds, at reasonable rates, which can qualify as Tier 1 regulatory capital based on certain limitations.

**Table of Contents****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
Sequoia Trust II	November 28, 2001	\$ 3,000	6-month LIBOR + 3.75%	December 8, 2031
United Statutory Trust I	December 19, 2002	\$ 10,000	3-month LIBOR + 3.25%	December 26, 2032
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

At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the Debentures and their related weighted-average interest rates were as follows:

	<b>2005</b>		<b>2004</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Weighted- Average Rate</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Weighted- Average Rate</b>
(Dollars in thousands)				
Century Trust	\$ 8,827	10.88%	\$ 8,837	10.88%
Sequoia Trust I	9,980	10.18%	10,490	10.18%
Sequoia Trust II	3,093	8.42%	3,093	6.44%
United Statutory Trust I	10,310	7.77%	10,310	5.80%
United Statutory Trust II	10,310	7.50%	10,310	5.42%
United Statutory Trust III	20,619	7.35%	20,619	5.35%
United Statutory Trust IV	25,774	7.09%	25,774	5.01%
Total	\$ 88,913		\$ 89,433	

At December 31, 2005, the scheduled maturities of long-term borrowings were as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount (In thousands)</b>
2006	\$ 2,365
2007	515
2008	100,999
2009	515
2010 and thereafter	443,337
Total	\$ 547,731

Interest paid on long-term borrowings approximated \$33,099,000, \$33,793,000 and \$34,992,000 in 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

**Table of Contents****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		
	2005	2004	2003
Current expense from continuing operations:			
Federal	\$ 46,242	\$ 26,245	\$ 29,475
State	750	871	253
Deferred (benefit) expense from continuing operations:			
Federal and State	(727)	6,655	(1,718)
Income tax expense from continuing operations	46,265	33,771	28,010
Income tax expense related to discontinued operations		6,333	5,745
Total income taxes	\$ 46,265	\$ 40,104	\$ 33,755

The following 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					
	2005		2004		2003	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Tax on income before taxes at statutory federal rate	\$ 51,336	35.0%	\$ 48,254	35.0%	\$ 39,375	35.0%
Plus: State income taxes net of federal tax benefits	515	0.4	566	0.4	164	0.1
	51,851	35.4	48,820	35.4	39,539	35.1
Increase (decrease) resulting from:						
Tax-exempt interest income	(3,062)	(2.1)	(3,391)	(2.4)	(3,576)	(3.2)
Tax reserve adjustment	(138)	(0.1)	(3,684)	(2.7)	(1,509)	(1.3)
Other items-net	(2,386)	(1.7)	(1,641)	(1.2)	(699)	(0.6)
Income taxes	\$ 46,265	31.5%	\$ 40,104	29.1%	\$ 33,755	30.0%

During the fourth quarter of 2004, United reduced its income tax expense by approximately \$2.5 million as a result of a finalized state tax examination for the years 2001 through 2003. The impact is included in the tax reserve adjustment for 2004.

Federal income tax expense applicable to securities transactions in 2005, 2004 and 2003 approximated \$243,000, \$389,000 and \$641,000, respectively. Income taxes paid approximated \$47,565,000, \$28,160,000 and \$38,815,000 in 2005, 2004 and 2003, 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 \$3,281,000, \$3,362,000 and \$4,020,000 for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

**Table of Contents****NOTE L INCOME TAXES** continued

Significant components of United's deferred tax assets and liabilities (included in other assets) at December 31, 2005 and 2004 are as follows:

(In thousands)	2005	2004
Deferred tax assets:		
Allowance for credit losses	\$ 20,436	\$ 19,806
Accrued benefits payable	348	730
Other accrued liabilities	1,155	1,400
Unrealized loss on securities available for sale	6,409	
Premises and equipment	239	742
Total deferred tax assets	28,587	22,678
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Purchase accounting intangibles	3,800	5,264
Deferred mortgage points	750	1,153
Unrealized gain on securities available for sale		2,012
Unrealized gain on cash flow hedge	727	
Other	4,061	3,430
Total deferred tax liabilities	9,338	11,859
Net deferred tax assets	\$ 19,249	\$ 10,819

**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.

Net consolidated periodic pension cost included the following components:

(In thousands)	Year Ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003
Service cost	\$ 1,882	\$ 2,337	\$ 1,931
Interest cost	3,034	2,838	2,659
Expected return on plan assets	(4,468)	(3,754)	(3,212)
Amortization of transition asset	(175)	(175)	(213)
Recognized net actuarial loss	682	917	905
Amortization of prior service cost	1	1	10
Net periodic pension cost	\$ 956	\$ 2,164	\$ 2,080

**Weighted-Average Assumptions:**



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Discount rate	6.25%	6.25%	7.00%
Expected return on assets	9.00%	9.00%	9.50%
Rate of compensation increase	3.25%	3.25%	4.00%

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**Table of Contents****NOTE M EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS** continued

A reconciliation of the changes in benefit obligation and plan assets for the defined benefit retirement plan is as follows:

(In thousands)	December 31,	
	2005	2004
<b>Change in Projected Benefit Obligation</b>		
Projected Benefit Obligation at the Beginning of the Year	\$ 49,196	\$ 46,020
Service Cost	1,882	2,337
Interest Cost	3,034	2,838
Actuarial Loss (Gain)	2,194	(574)
Benefits Paid	(1,476)	(1,425)
Projected Benefit at the End of the Year	\$ 54,830	\$ 49,196
Accumulated Benefit Obligation at the End of the Year	\$ 47,407	\$ 42,125
<b>Change in Plan Assets</b>		
Fair Value of Plan Assets at the Beginning of the Year	\$ 50,302	\$ 42,317
Actual Return on Plan Assets	3,158	3,948
Benefits Paid	(1,476)	(1,425)
Employer Contributions	4,629	5,462
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	\$ 56,613	\$ 50,302
<b>Net Amount Recognized</b>		
Funded Status	\$ 1,783	\$ 1,106
Unrecognized Transition Asset	(876)	(1,052)
Unrecognized Prior Service Cost	10	12
Unrecognized Net Loss	13,994	11,172
Net Amount Recognized	\$ 14,911	\$ 11,238

**Weighted-Average Assumptions at the End of the Year**

Discount Rate	6.00%	6.25%
Rate of Compensation Increase	3.25%	3.25%

The plan's measurement date is September 30th of each year. Asset allocation for the defined benefit pension plan as of the measurement date, by asset category, is as follows:

Plan Assets	Target Allocation 2006	Allowable Allocation Range	Percentage of Plan Assets at September 30,	
			2005	2004
Equity Securities	70%	50-80%	58%	62%
Debt Securities	25%	20-40%	27%	29%
Other	5%	3-10%	15%	9%
Total			100%	100%

Equity securities include United common stock in the amounts of \$3,699,000 (7%) and \$3,667,000 (7%) at September 30, 2005 and 2004, 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 placements, uncovered options, real estate, the use of margin, short sales, derivatives for speculative purposes, and other

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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, 2005, 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:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount</b> (In thousands)
2006	\$ 1,505
2007	1,642
2008	1,744
2009	1,834
2010	1,947
2011 through 2015	15,365

Employer contributions expected to be paid to the plan for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2006 are \$5,087,000.

The United Savings and Stock Investment Plan (the Plan) is a deferred compensation 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 \$738,000, \$658,000 and \$742,000 in 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

The assets of United's defined benefit plan and 401(k) Plan each include investments in United common stock. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the combined plan assets included 629,033 and 618,957 shares, respectively, of United common stock with an approximate fair value of \$22,167,000 and \$23,613,000, respectively. Dividends paid on United common stock held by the plans approximated \$654,000, \$656,000 and \$749,000 for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, 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.

United has various incentive stock option plans for key employees that provide for the granting of stock options of up to 4,400,000 shares of common stock. At December 31, 2005, United did not have any shares of common stock available for future grants to key employees as all plans have expired. Under the provisions of the plans, the option price per share shall not be less than the fair market value of United's common stock on the date of grant. Accordingly, no compensation expense is recognized for these options. The maximum term for options granted under the plans is ten (10) years.

Options granted under the plans vest in accordance with the following schedule:

<b>Years from Grant of Option</b>	<b>Permissible Exercise Until Expiration of Option</b>
1	50% of Option Shares
2	75% of Option Shares
3	100% of Option Shares



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However, 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. The number of shares and exercise prices and other relevant terms of the options subject to the acceleration remained unchanged. As a result of the vesting acceleration, options to purchase 547,626 shares of United common stock became exercisable immediately. The grant prices ranged from \$30.20 to \$37.19.

The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding at December 31, 2005:

Range of Exercise Prices	Number Outstanding	Options Outstanding		Options Exercisable	
		Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Number Exercisable	Weighted-Average Exercise Price
\$3.55 to \$5.33	23,232	2.4 years	\$ 3.92	23,232	\$ 3.92
\$5.69 to \$8.54	41,878	4.6 years	\$ 5.92	41,878	\$ 5.92
\$9.45 to \$14.18	188,054	3.7 years	\$11.26	188,054	\$11.26
\$14.88 to \$22.32	322,376	2.9 years	\$19.02	322,376	\$19.02
\$25.63 to \$37.19	1,540,425	7.4 years	\$31.91	1,540,425	\$31.91
Total	2,115,965	6.3 years	\$27.29	2,115,965	\$27.29

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

	Stock Options	Range of Exercise Prices	
Outstanding at January 1, 2003	1,880,419	29.37	4.26
Granted	333,650	30.20	
Exercised	274,191	29.37	3.55
Assumed in acquisition of subsidiary	389,606	8.53	3.55
Forfeited	29,701	29.37	19.19
Outstanding at December 31, 2003	2,299,783	30.71	3.55
Granted	330,850	37.00	31.10
Exercised	559,773	30.20	3.55
Forfeited	65,980	30.20	8.52
Outstanding at December 31, 2004	2,004,880	37.00	3.55
Granted	335,450	37.19	30.91
Exercised	175,931	30.20	3.55
Forfeited	48,434	37.19	8.33
Outstanding at December 31, 2005	2,115,965	\$ 37.19	\$ 3.55

Exercisable at:

December 31, 2003	1,769,114	\$ 29.37	\$ 3.55
December 31, 2004	1,467,920	\$ 30.71	\$ 3.55
December 31, 2005	2,115,965	\$ 37.19	\$ 3.55

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, 2005, 2004 and 2003 were 23,794, 23,105 and 26,973, respectively. Options granted through the reinvestment of dividends during 2005, 2004 and 2003 were 689, 746 and 906, respectively. No options were exercised under this plan during 2005 and 2003. Options exercised during 2004 were 4,614. 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.

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**NOTE N COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

For the years of 2005, 2004, and 2003, compensation expense from these stock options was not significant. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the associated liability from these stock options was not significant.

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.

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. United had approximately \$1,823,909,000 and \$1,618,823,000 of loan commitments outstanding as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, 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 \$1,021,000 and \$1,449,000 as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, 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 \$139,572,000 and \$140,168,000 as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, 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 O 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.



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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, 2005 and 2004:

**Derivative Classifications and Hedging Relationships**

(In thousands)	December 31, 2005			December 31, 2004		
	Notional Amount	Derivative Asset	Liability	Notional Amount	Derivative Asset	Liability
Derivatives Designated as Fair Value Hedges:						
Hedging Commercial Loans	\$ 4,399	\$ 33				
Hedging FHLB Borrowings	100,000		\$ 7,223	\$ 100,000		\$ 5,072
<b>Total Derivatives Designated as Fair Value Hedges:</b>	<b>\$ 104,399</b>	<b>\$ 33</b>	<b>\$ 7,223</b>	<b>\$ 100,000</b>		<b>\$ 5,072</b>
Derivatives Designated as Cash Flow Hedges:						
Hedging FHLB Borrowings	\$ 50,000	\$ 2,077				
<b>Total Derivatives Designated as Cash Flow Hedges:</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,077</b>				
<b>Total Derivatives Used in Interest Rate Risk Management and Designated in SFAS 133 Relationships:</b>	<b>\$ 154,399</b>	<b>\$ 2,110</b>	<b>\$ 7,223</b>	<b>\$ 100,000</b>		<b>\$ 5,072</b>

**Derivative Hedging Instruments**

(In thousands)	December 31, 2005				December 31, 2004			
	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>								
Receive Fixed Swap (FHLB Borrowing)	\$ 100,000	6.43%		\$ (7,223)	\$ 100,000	6.43%		\$ (5,072)
Pay Fixed Swap (Commercial Loans)	4,399		6.70%	33				
<b>Total Derivatives Used in Fair Value Hedges</b>	<b>\$ 104,399</b>			<b>\$ (7,190)</b>	<b>\$ 100,000</b>			<b>\$ (5,072)</b>

**Cash Flow Hedges:**

Pay Fixed Swap (FHLB Borrowing)	\$ 50,000	4.29%	\$ 2,077
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**Total Derivatives**

<b>Used in Cash Flow Hedges</b>	\$ 50,000		\$ 2,077
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**Total Derivatives**

**Used for Interest**

**Rate Risk**

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**Designated in SFAS**

<b>133 Relationships</b>	\$ 154,399	\$ (5,113)	\$ 100,000	\$ (5,072)
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The derivative portfolio also includes 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

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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) For the Year Ended December</b>		
	<b>As of December 31</b>		<b>31</b>		
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
<b>Other Derivative Instruments:</b>					
Interest Rate Risk Management	\$ 35		\$ 35		
Customer Risk Management	(35)		(35)		
<b>Total Other Derivative Instruments</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>\$</b>		

**NOTE P COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

The changes in accumulated other comprehensive income are as follows:

(In thousands)	<b>For the Years Ended December 31</b>		
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Net Income	\$ 100,409	\$ 97,762	\$ 78,765
Securities available for sale:			
Net change in unrealized (losses) gains on available for sale securities arising during the period	(24,125)	(3,935)	(9,008)
Related income tax benefit (expense)	8,444	1,377	3,153
Net reclassification adjustment for (gains) losses included in net income	(695)	(1,110)	(1,830)
Related income tax (benefit) expense	243	387	641
Accretion on the unrealized loss for securities transferred from the available for sale to the held to maturity investment portfolio	758	782	763
Related income tax expense	(265)	(274)	(267)
Net effect on other comprehensive income	(15,640)	(2,773)	(6,548)
Cash flow hedge derivative:			
Unrealized gain on cash flow hedge	2,077		
Related income tax expense	(727)		
Net effect on other comprehensive income	1,350		
Total change in other comprehensive income	(14,290)	(2,773)	(6,548)
Total Comprehensive Income	\$ 86,119	\$ 94,989	\$ 72,217

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Condensed Balance Sheets**

(In thousands)	December 31	
	2005	2004
Assets		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 21,722	\$ 16,743
Securities available for sale	9,037	11,485
Securities held to maturity	6,133	6,528
Loans	1,027	1,567
Investment in subsidiaries:		
Bank subsidiaries	684,390	683,212
Nonbank subsidiaries	4,626	4,549
Other assets	4,760	2,777
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 731,695</b>	<b>\$ 726,861</b>
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Junior subordinated debentures of subsidiary trusts	\$ 67,013	\$ 67,013
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	29,477	28,341
Shareholders' equity (including other accumulated comprehensive (loss) income of (\$10,551) and \$3,739 at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively)	635,205	631,507
<b>Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>	<b>\$ 731,695</b>	<b>\$ 726,861</b>

**Condensed Statements of Income**

(In thousands)	Year Ended December 31		
	2005	2004	2003
Income			
Dividends from banking subsidiaries	\$ 87,340	\$ 81,102	\$ 62,052
Net interest income	561	791	828
Management fees:			
Bank subsidiaries	9,292	8,262	6,910
Nonbank subsidiaries	14	12	12
Discontinued subsidiaries		25	50
Other income	453	488	407
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>97,660</b>	<b>90,680</b>	<b>70,259</b>
Expenses			
Interest paid to banking subsidiary			570
Interest paid on short-term borrowings	16	4	312
Operating expenses	12,715	10,734	7,460
<b>Income Before Income Taxes and Equity in Undistributed Net Income of Subsidiaries</b>	<b>84,929</b>	<b>79,942</b>	<b>61,917</b>

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Applicable income tax (benefit) expense	(864)	(203)	(37)
Income Before Equity in Undistributed Net Income of Subsidiaries	85,793	80,145	61,954
Equity in undistributed net income of subsidiaries:			
Bank subsidiaries	14,539	3,117	2,104
Nonbank subsidiaries	77	53	19
Net Income from continuing operations	100,409	83,315	64,077
Net Income from discontinued operations		14,447	14,688
Net Income	\$ 100,409	\$ 97,762	\$ 78,765

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**Condensed Statements of Cash Flows**

(In thousands)

	<b>Year Ended December 31</b>		
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Operating Activities of Continuing Operations			
Net income from continuing operations	\$ 100,409	\$ 83,315	\$ 64,077
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Equity in undistributed net income of subsidiaries	(14,616)	(3,170)	(2,123)
Depreciation and net amortization	2	2	(2)
Stock-based compensation	21		
Net loss on securities transactions	(453)	(488)	(407)
Net change in other assets and liabilities	(593)	2,824	4,047
 Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	 84,770	 82,483	 65,592
Investing Activities of Continuing Operations			
Net proceeds from sales of (purchases of) securities	2,095	4,953	(4,620)
Net cash paid in acquisition of subsidiary			(24,961)
Increases in investment in subsidiaries		(200)	(1,393)
Repayment on loan balances by customers	540	1,480	1,370
 Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Investing Activities	 2,635	 6,233	 (29,604)
Financing Activities of Continuing Operations			
Net repayments on line of credit from subsidiary			(16,000)
Net (repayments of) advances on lines of credit from non-affiliated banks		(17,000)	17,000
Net advances from subsidiary trusts			46,393
Cash dividends paid	(44,409)	(43,967)	(41,625)
Acquisition of treasury stock	(41,289)	(40,812)	(37,361)
Distribution of treasury stock for deferred compensation plan	39		
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	3,233	6,367	3,344
 Net Cash Used in Financing Activities	 (82,426)	 (95,412)	 (28,249)
 Increase (decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	 4,979	 (6,696)	 7,739
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	16,743	23,439	15,700

Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ 21,722	\$ 16,743	\$ 23,439
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**NOTE R 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, 2005, was approximately \$51,878,000 and \$49,703,000, respectively. The average amount of those reserve balances maintained and required for the year ended December 31, 2004, was approximately \$46,914,000 and \$44,043,000, 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 2006, the retained net profits available for distribution to United Bankshares, Inc. by its banking subsidiaries as dividends without regulatory approval, are approximately \$30,750,000, 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 \$36,934,000 at December 31, 2005, 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, 2005, United exceeds all capital adequacy requirements to which it is subject.

At December 31, 2005, 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.



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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, 2005:</b>						
Total Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets):						
United Bankshares	\$610,547	11.3%	\$433,097	38.0%	\$541,371	310.0%
United Bank (WV)	329,469	11.0%	240,152	38.0%	300,189	310.0%
United Bank (VA)	262,546	10.9%	193,022	38.0%	241,278	310.0%
Tier I Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets):						
United Bankshares	548,742	10.1%	216,549	34.0%	324,823	36.0%
United Bank (WV)	297,277	9.9%	120,076	34.0%	180,114	36.0%
United Bank (VA)	236,368	9.8%	96,511	34.0%	144,767	36.0%
Tier I Capital (to Average Assets):						
United Bankshares	548,742	8.5%	257,424	34.0%	321,780	35.0%
United Bank (WV)	297,277	7.9%	150,166	34.0%	187,708	35.0%
United Bank (VA)	236,368	8.7%	108,610	34.0%	135,763	35.0%
<b>As of December 31, 2004:</b>						
Total Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets):						
United Bankshares	\$589,820	11.6%	\$407,483	38.0%	\$509,354	310.0%
United Bank (WV)	320,060	11.4%	225,217	38.0%	281,522	310.0%
United Bank (VA)	254,926	11.2%	182,656	38.0%	228,320	310.0%
Tier I Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets):						
United Bankshares	529,010	10.4%	203,742	34.0%	305,612	36.0%
United Bank (WV)	289,519	10.3%	112,609	34.0%	168,913	36.0%
United Bank (VA)	228,614	10.0%	91,328	34.0%	136,992	36.0%
Tier I Capital (to Average Assets):						
United Bankshares	529,010	8.6%	245,967	34.0%	307,458	35.0%
United Bank (WV)	289,519	8.0%	144,875	34.0%	181,094	35.0%
United Bank (VA)	228,614	8.9%	102,339	34.0%	127,924	35.0%

**NOTE S 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.

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**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, 2005		December 31, 2004	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 207,962	\$ 207,962	\$ 153,465	\$ 153,465
Securities available for sale	1,274,621	1,274,621	1,277,160	1,277,160
Securities held to maturity	227,345	232,671	233,282	241,592
Loans held for sale	3,324	3,324	3,981	3,981
Loans	4,649,829	4,586,335	4,418,276	4,425,799
Derivative financial assets	2,110	2,110		
Deposits	4,617,452	4,598,276	4,297,563	4,279,054
Short-term borrowings	856,425	855,371	906,958	906,206
Long-term borrowings	547,731	572,497	533,755	576,084
Derivative financial liabilities	7,223	7,223	5,072	5,072

**Table of Contents****NOTE T QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA (UNAUDITED)**

Quarterly financial data for 2005 and 2004 is summarized below (dollars in thousands, except for per share data):

	<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>4th Quarter</b>
<b>2005</b>				
Interest income	\$79,276	\$82,179	\$89,490	\$94,333
Interest expense	26,286	28,721	32,832	36,612
Net interest income	52,990	53,458	56,658	57,721
Provision for credit losses	1,111	504	1,945	2,058
Mortgage banking income	126	227	337	365
Securities gains (losses), net	924	58	(93)	(194)
Other noninterest income	11,869	13,074	12,792	13,140
Noninterest expense	28,741	30,577	30,516	31,326
Income taxes	11,297	11,222	11,784	11,962
Income from continuing operations	24,760	24,514	25,449	25,686
Income from discontinued operations before income taxes				
Income taxes				
Income from discontinued operations				
Net income (1)	24,760	24,514	25,449	25,686
Per share data:				
Average shares outstanding (000s):				
Basic	42,900	42,660	42,384	42,118
Diluted	43,419	43,122	42,919	42,639
Income from continuing operations per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.61
Diluted	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.60
Income from discontinued operations per share:				
Basic				
Diluted				
Net income per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.61
Diluted	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.60
Dividends per share	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.27

**Table of Contents****NOTE T QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA (UNAUDITED)** continued

	<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>4th Quarter</b>
<b>2004</b>				
Interest income	\$71,151	\$70,960	\$73,793	\$77,446
Interest expense	21,400	21,715	21,624	24,175
Net interest income	49,751	49,245	52,169	53,271
Provision for credit losses	1,357	539	1,296	1,328
Mortgage banking income	168	242	148	171
Securities gains (losses), net	714	106	275	15
Other noninterest income	12,681	13,353	13,441	12,917
Noninterest expense	29,624	29,473	46,252	31,712
Income taxes	9,726	10,477	5,734	7,834
Income from continuing operations	22,607	22,457	12,751	25,500
Income from discontinued operations before income taxes	1,243	2,445	17,092	
Income taxes	346	688	5,299	
Income from discontinued operations	897	1,757	11,793	
Net income (1)	23,504	24,214	24,544	25,500
Per share data:				
Average shares outstanding (000s):				
Basic	43,681	43,512	43,319	43,111
Diluted	44,259	44,005	43,858	43,743
Income from continuing operations per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.59
Diluted	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.58
Income from discontinued operations per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.27	
Diluted	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.27	
Net income per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.59
Diluted	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.58
Dividends per share	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.26

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

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**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 management's assessment of internal control over financial reporting is included on pages 38-39 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, 2005 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 AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT**

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 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders under the caption DIRECTORS WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE IN 2006 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 caption 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-wv.com](http://www.ubsi-wv.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 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders under the caption The Audit Committee under the heading GOVERNANCE OF THE COMPANY and under the caption Audit Committee Financial Expert under the heading AUDIT COMMITTEE AND INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM.

**Item 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

Information regarding executive compensation is incorporated by reference from United's definitive proxy statement for the 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders under the caption of 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 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders under the heading DIRECTORS WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE IN 2006 AND NOMINEES FOR DIRECTORS and under the captions Beneficial Ownership of Directors and Named Executive Officers, Principal Shareholder of United and Related Stockholder Matters under the heading COMMON STOCK OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT.

**Item 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS**

Information regarding certain relationships and related transactions is incorporated by reference from United's definitive proxy statement for the 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders under the caption of Related Party Transactions under the heading GOVERNANCE OF THE COMPANY.

**Item 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT 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 2006 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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(a) List of Documents Filed as Part of This Report:

(1) Financial Statements

The financial statements listed below are filed as part of this report:

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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 86 of this Form 10-K.

(b) Exhibits The exhibits to this Form 10-K begin on page 90.

(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-wv.com](http://ubsi-wv.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) N/A = Not Applicable.
- (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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**Footnotes** (continued)

- (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 Exhibits to the 2004 10-K 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 November 21, 2005 and filed November 23, 2005 for United Bankshares, Inc., File No. 0-13322.
- (n) 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.
- (o) Incorporated into this filing by reference to a Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 23, 2006 and filed January 27, 2006 for United Bankshares, Inc., File No. 0-13322.

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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)

By /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
/s/ Richard M. Adams	Chairman of the Board, Director, and Chief Executive Officer	February 27, 2006
/s/ Steven E. Wilson	Chief Financial Officer Chief Accounting Officer	February 27, 2006
/s/ F. T. Graff, Jr.	Director	February 27, 2006
/s/ J. Paul McNamara	Director	February 27, 2006
/s/ P. Clinton Winter, Jr.	Director	February 27, 2006
/s/ Theodore J. Georgelas	Director	February 27, 2006
/s/ John M. McMahon	Director	February 27, 2006
/s/ Harry L. Buch	Director	February 27, 2006
/s/ Russell L. Isaacs	Director	February 27, 2006
/s/ H. Smoot Fahlgren	Director	February 27, 2006
/s/ Mary K. Weddle	Director	February 27, 2006
/s/ Robert G. Astorg	Director	February 27, 2006

/s/ I. N. Smith, Jr.	Director	February 27, 2006
/s/ Thomas J. Blair III	Director	February 27, 2006
/s/ William C. Pitt III	Director	February 27, 2006
/s/ Lawrence K. Doll	Director	February 27, 2006