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October 24, 2003

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

October 23, 2003

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-20288  
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(Commission File Number)

91-1422237  
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IRS Employer Identification No.

1301 A Street  
Tacoma, WA 98402  
(Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (253) 305-1900

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Item 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL RESULTS

On October 23, 2003, we issued a press release announcing our third quarter 2003 financial results. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated October 23, 2003 announcing Third Quarter 2003 Financial Results.

SIGNATURES

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

Dated: October 23, 2003

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

By: /s/ Melanie J. Dressel  
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Melanie J. Dressel  
Chief Executive Officer