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July 24, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

July 24, 2003

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

WASHINGTON

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-20288

(Commission File Number)

91-1422237

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

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL RESULTS

On July 24, 2003, we issued a press release announcing our second 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.

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Exhibits

- 99.1 Press Release dated July 24, 2003 announcing Second 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: July 24, 2003

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

By: /s/ Melanie J. Dressel

Melanie J. Dressel
Chief Executive Officer