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April 23, 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):

April 23, 2003

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

WASHINGTON

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-20288

91-1422237

(Commission File Number)

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

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EXHIBITS

- 99.1 Press Release dated April 23, 2003 announcing First 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: April 23, 2003

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

By: /s/ Melanie J. Dressel

Melanie J. Dressel
Chief Executive Officer