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 28, 2004

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington (State or other 0-20288 (Commission 91-1422237 IRS Employer

jurisdiction of incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.

1301 A Street

Tacoma, WA 98402

(Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

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

Item 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL RESULTS

On April 28, 2004, we issued a press release announcing our first quarter 2004 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 April 28, 2004 announcing First Quarter 2004 Financial Results.

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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: May 4, 2004

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

By: /s/ Melanie J. Dressel

Melanie J. Dressel

Chief Executive Officer