

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC

Form 8-K

October 29, 2004

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of**  
**The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):**

10/28/04

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**COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Washington**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-20288**  
(Commission File Number)

**91-1422237**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

**1301 A Street**  
**Tacoma, WA**

**98402**

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

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

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Items to be Included in this Report**

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On October 28, 2004, we issued a press release announcing our third 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.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

- (a) Financial statements. not applicable
- (b) Pro forma financial information. not applicable
- (c) The following exhibit is being furnished herewith:

99.1 Press Release dated October 28, 2004 announcing third quarter 2004 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.

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

Date: October 29, 2004

/s/ Melanie J. Dressel

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Melanie J. Dressel  
President and Chief Executive Officer