

UCF programmers best in Southeast

Computer students at the University of Central Florida took top honors last week at the Southeastern Collegiate Computer Programming Competition at Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville, Ga.

The UCF Centaurus team — made up of Jonathan Kolb, Richard Russo and Jason Daly — won the competition after solving eight programming problems the quickest among 77 collegiate teams from five states.

The UCF Orion team — made up of Phillip Dexheimer, Ambrose Feinstein, Richard Urich — finished second.

Normally, the top two regional teams qualify for the college world championship; however, the rules allow only one entry per school. So a team from Georgia Institute of Technology that placed third will replace the Orion team at the international competition.

Computer science professor Ali Orooji, the UCF teams' coach, said he would try to arrange for Orion members to attend as spectators at the international contest, scheduled for March in Vancouver.