

## **Computer Teams Claim Top Spots**

UCF continued its mastery in the field of computer programming by capturing the top two places in the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Southeast regional programming competition in November.

The first-place team will now represent the university in the 20th annual ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest on March 1 in Nashville, Tenn.

UCF, which also had a team finish eighth in the 68-team field, has consistently ranked among the top teams in the Southeast region. This marks the 13th straight year that UCF has had teams finish among the top three, and the sixth time in that stretch the university has placed first, including three straight top finishes from 1989-90 to 1991-92.

The appearance in the international finals will be the ninth for UCF, which has finished among the top seven in the world four times, including a second-place finish in 1986-87.

The competition involves teams of three programmers who try to solve as many of 10 problems as possible within a five-hour time limit. Contests are held in 15 regions and include some 650 teams worldwide. The

top two finishers in each region advance to the international competition, but because only one team can represent an institution, only UCF's first-place team will participate.

Members of UCF's first-place team, which solved six problems, are Travis Terry, Michael Smith and Eric Heimborg. The second-place team consists of Michael Kujawa, Joel Davis and Michael Both.

— *Bill Doughty*