

Computer team places 17th in the world

The reputation UCF's computer science program has of being one of the best in the world remained intact after a student programming team finished in the top 20 in international competition.

The UCF team was 17th worldwide and seventh in the United States in the 1997 International Collegiate Programming Contest held in San Jose, Calif., earlier this month. In the Association for Computing Machinery-sponsored contest, six teams solved six of eight problems, nine teams solved five and Stanford and UCF tied with four problems solved. Stanford finished 16th with fewer penalty points. UCF beat out teams

from such schools as Carnegie-Mellon, Harvard, Virginia Tech, Duke and Princeton.

UCF was invited to the competition after finishing first in a field of more than 50 Southeastern collegiate computer programming teams this past fall. That contest pitted teams from five Southeastern states in a stressful five-hour race against the clock. It was the 15th consecutive year that UCF placed first, second or third in the region. Internationally, more than 1,000 teams competed in 20 regions. The top 50 competed in the International Collegiate Programming Contest.

UCF's team was Michael Kujawa, Bryan Kline and Eric Heimburg.