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January 18, 2002

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: January 18, 2002
(Date of earliest event reported)

UNIVERSAL CORPORATION
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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| Virginia (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | 1-652 (Commission File Number) | 54-0414210 (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
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| 1501 North Hamilton Street Richmond, Virginia (Address of Principal Executive Offices) | 23230 (Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code:
(804) 359-9311

Item 5. Other Events.

The Competition Directorate of the European Commission is conducting an administrative investigation of certain green tobacco purchasing practices in Spain. The Company's subsidiary, Tabacos Espanoles S.A. ("Taes"), conducts buying operations in Spain. Taes is cooperating fully with the investigation. Management is currently gathering information and believes that it is not appropriate to comment further at this time.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

UNIVERSAL CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Date: January 18, 2002

By: /s/ James A. Huffman

James A. Huffman
Controller

