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Form 8-K  
May 17, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report: May 17, 2001  
(Date of earliest event reported)

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

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 press release issued by the Registrant on May 17, 2001 attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

No.	Description
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99.1	Press release reporting Universal Leaf North America announces major investment.*

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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)

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Date: May 17, 2001

By: /s/ George C. Freeman, III

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General Counsel and Secretary

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