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ATHENS, Ga. — Florida State swimmers moved into fourth place yesterday as the three-day Southern Collegiate Invitational swimming meet got under way at the University of Georgia.

Best finish of the day for the Seminoles came in the medley relay as the team of John Hegert, Mark Middleton, Chet Miltenberger and Dean Jerger finished third with a time of 3:38.8.

Seminole freestyler Jerry Norris was tenth in the 1,650-yard freestyle and teammate Bill Gest took 13th in the 400-yard individual medley events.

The Seminoles were in fourth place behind Southern Illinois, Florida and Oklahoma.

Florida State is entered in four events today, including the 50-yard freestyle, the 200-yard butterfly, the 100-yard backstroke and the one meter diving.

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ATHENS, Ga.—Two record-breaking performances by Florida State swimmers were only good enough for second-place finishes yesterday as the Seminoles placed third in the Southern Collegiate Invitational swimming meet here.

Florida State with 218 points finished third behind the University of Florida with 517 points and Southern Illinois with 449.

Freshman John Hegert set a new varsity record in the 200-yard backstroke two times, but only finished in second place in the meet. Hegert had

a time of 1:59.9 in a preliminary heat, breaking the old Seminole record by almost two seconds. He then trimmed another second off his time in the finals, finishing in 1:58.98, good enough for second place.

Hegert's finish was good enough to qualify him for the nationals, as he joins teammates Dean Jerger, Jerry Stevens, Phil Boogs and Terry Maxhimer who have already qualified.

Florida State's 400-yard relay team of Lee Eisinger, Jerry Stevens, John Hegert and Dean Jerger set a new varsity record with a time of 3:12.6 but also finished in second place.

Dean Jerger swam the 100-yard freestyle in 47.7, one-tenth of a second off his own school record, for a first place finish.

Diver Phil Boggs won his second event of the meet in the 3-meter diving. Teammate Jerger was the only other Seminole with two first place finishes, winning the 50-yard freestyle Friday.
