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the SWC. But because of the influence of television we have been forced to make a change."

Florida State also abandoned its independent status to join the Atlantic Coast Conference for financial reasons.

"I think we were standing in a dangerous

area being independent," said Florida State Athletic Director Bob Goin. "I've often said it's nice being independent, but we're not an island."

Tom Mickle, assistant commissioner of the ACC, said his conference decided to add the Seminoles in response to the moves by Penn State and Miami.

"We could see that college football was changing," Mickle said. "We had to move or become surrounded."

But Miami clearly demonstrated how football conference jumping can make for strange bedfellows.

The Hurricanes joined the newly formed Big East Conference to secure a media market that reaches 33 percent of the country. But lack of competition in the otherwise weak conference should ensure the football powerhouse lopsided victories and possibly alienate other Big East fans.

John Paquette, the director of public

relations for the Big East, recognized the current gap in the talent level.

"In the beginning, Miami will dominate. But, hopefully, the competition will cause the schools to improve," Paquette said. "We felt pressure to establish a football league. Miami was the best team out there. We went for them."

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ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT: DAVID KLINGLER

Gillette shines its athlete spotlight this month on David Klingler, quarterback of the U of Houston Cougars.



Klingler, who established himself last year as one of the most dominant quarterbacks in college football history, is everybody's favorite candidate in the race for this year's Heisman Trophy.

Although the ink is still wet on the 33 NCAA records Klingler broke or tied last year, he appears poised to completely rewrite those books this year.

Klingler threw for an amazing 5140 yards and 54 touchdowns last season, shattering previous marks held by Andre Ware and Jim McMahon, respectively.

But that should be a mere prelude to this year's action.

Klingler has the luxury of operating within head coach John Jenkins' seemingly unstoppable run-and-shoot offense. In addition, Klingler's supporting cast appears well-endowed with the talent to back him up. The Cougars, the No. 14 pick in this year's preseason U. College Football Poll, will be aiming to better last season's 10-1 record.

Of course, the Houston quarterback is still haunted by the ghost of former teammate Ware. Because he arrived on the heels of another quarterback sensation, Klingler will have to silence the critics who claim Jenkins' system, not the quarterback, is responsible for his phenomenal stats.

No doubt, he'll just let his arm do the talking.



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