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conference affiliation since 1948 and not a word of recognition or thanks was offered. I can only speculate why that happened, but I would guess you know the reason. and that's your business."

Benson's words weren't harsh.

His intention was not to offend but to offer guidance — and he made that clear.

"I hope this message is received in the manner in which it is intended — from someone who has grown older and, I hope, wiser from what I've experienced in the past few years," Benson said. "And I hope it's of some benefit as you progress along your own career path."

Roan didn't see any benefit in Benson's wisdom.

He forwarded the e-mail to EKU President David McFaddin, adding this comment: "Give me a break ..."

Roan's e-mailed response to Benson confidently stated, "While I take to heart your advice, I respectfully disagree with your opinion on this."

Roan showed no respect for the OVC.

"I have been offended by comments directed at EKU by officials within the league, including those directed at you and some of your decisions while in charge," Roan said. "Even more, however, today was not about the OVC. Today was about the ASUN. I sincerely hope that the (OVC) commissioner, her staff, and the membership wouldn't find themselves watching our public

announcement that we're joining another league. You are spot on in assuming that my words were purposeful and every single comment I've received from our supporters has been complimentary."

Roan's response, which was sent to McFaddin for input first — asking, "Too soft or harsh," — ended with, "Best of luck getting underway in Myrtle (Beach at Coastal Carolina University)."

Benson answered back in a congenial manner.

"Please know that there is no need to agree to disagree, as my note was intended to be complimentary despite what you might think. I began with two paragraphs recognizing this maroon-letter day for EKU institutionally and for you personally. My observations should

not diminish that at all nor were they meant to."

He also delivered a strong rebuke to some of Roan's claims.

"I'm not privy to offensive comments from OVC folks directed at EKU or me," Benson said. "Nothing I can do about that. I do know that our lobbying for Sun Belt membership several years ago soured some relationships among fellow presidents and that has, from the sounds of it, persisted."

Benson concluded: "The other schools directed comments at their current conferences (during the televised event) — EKU did not. That's it. Full stop."

That's the end of the conversation.

This e-mail exchange was included the court filings in the legal battle between EKU and

the OVC and obtained by The Register.

These correspondences provide an interesting insight into the thoughts (motivation and perhaps character) of the people behind one of the biggest decisions in the history of EKU athletics.

More than five years later, a lot has changed.

Roan is now the athletic director at James Madison. Benson was recently named the president of West Virginia University.

And in a few days, the Colonels will transition from the ASUN into the United Athletic Conference (UAC).

Another new era is set to begin.

Again. Maybe there won't be as much drama this time around ...



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