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USC's Steve Spurrier weighs in on Alamo Trophy / Willie Smith – Greenville News

COLUMBIA – It appears that neither South Carolina nor Texas A&M have any involvement in the Alamo Trophy, which was supposed to be awarded to the winner of the yearly game between the permanent Southeastern Conference opponents.

"I haven't heard any conversation lately," said USC coach Steve Spurrier, who threw cold water on the idea earlier in the summer. "We've probably got enough trophy games. We've got the state championship and the city championship with Columbia, Missouri."

The winner of the regular-season-ending rivalry game between Clemson and South Carolina is also awarded a trophy for the year.

"So that's probably enough," Spurrier said. "I don't know. But if they want to have a trophy, if the president, athletic director and people want to do it, that's be fine with me."

The Trophy was the creation of Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who is expected to attend the game. South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley later backed it. It was supposed to feature Alamo hero James Butler Bonham, who was educated at USC.

USC athletics director Ray Tanner said earlier the two schools had no involvement with the trophy at that point.

Spurrier also weighed in on Texas A&M's holding its organized Midnight Yell on the South Carolina Statehouse grounds before Thursday's game.

The event was organized by Columbia attorney Bill Wood Jr., a 1984 Texas A&M graduate and the president of the South Carolina A&M Club.

"It didn't really bother me too much," Spurrier said. "I was more concerned with blocking this guy Myles Garrett (A&M freshman) coming off the end. That's what I was more concerned about."

"But I don't now if we should have given them the state grounds there, the capital grounds. Is that where it is? But we've got other things to worry about. I'll let the governor worry about that."

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