State Theatre, PSU to keep relationship

The State Theatre said it expects no changes in its university partnership after the development of the Fraser Centre.

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In the midst of a potential new relationship between Penn State and the proposed Fraser Centre theater complex. the State Theatre foresees no change in its partnership with the university.

Lonink it will certainly make it avalthier and bring more students and more traffic downtown State Theatre Executive Director Mike Negra said.

Peun State has had a "positive" relationship with State Theatre, 100 W College Ave., for the past three years, using the theater's space for COMM150 (The Art of

spokesman University condition Rushton said the State mentation arrangement and the Fraser Center plans have nothto do with each other --- nor

they affect each other.

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Professor Kevin Hagopian, who teaches COMM 150, said there are no plans to move the class.

Hagopian, who describes State Theatre as "appropriate," "attractive" and "enjoyable," thinks nothing will change between Penn State and State Theatre relations once the complex is built.

"The relationship has been a really good one, and we are really happy with the cooperation as well as the terrific nature of the facility there," Hagopian said.

And on the business end, the Fraser Centre shouldn't be any competition for the State Theatre unless it starts showing the same sort of films, Negra said.

"I will certainly not be happy if they turn a screen or two into art house films, but competition has never scared me," Negra said. "I can't change it if they do, so there's no use in worrying."

Negra hopes the good relations Penn State and State Theatre has had in the past will continue in the future.

"Hopefully [the Fraser Centre complex] will allow us to have our own little niche in the marketplace," Negra said. "If they don't, and we have to compete with them in a different way. We will change and do what we have to do.

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Erin Rudegeair (senior-geography) talks on the phone in the Schreyer Gardens south of the HUB lawn on Thursday afternoon. Many students were out on the HUB lawn Thursday afternoon enjoying the sun. Temperatures today are expected to reach close to 80 degrees.



