Roommate of Russo Dropped from LSU

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BATON ROUGE — Steve Derby, 20-year-old roommate of Perry Russo, a central figure in the Jim Garrison probe of President Kennedy's assassination, has been dropped from the rolls at Louisiana State University.

Both Derby and Russo have been moved from their apartment at 311 E. State st., a winding, narrow street adjacent to the LSU campus in Baton Rouge.

A university spokesman declined to give the reason for Derby's departure from the university.

He said it is not the policy of the university to discuss actions by the disciplinary committee as it relates to students.

Derby, a sophomore in the junior division (freshman class), had been removed from the baseball team about a week ago.

He had been attending LSU on a baseball scholarship and with financial help from Russo.

As the holder of an athletic scholarship, Derby was required to live in the athletic dormitory. However, he also lived with Russo in the Tigertown apartment.

Russo, who was unavailable for comment, is still employed by a life insurance firm here, although his new address was not known.