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### **Hunt Missing College Girl in Favored Haunts**

A statewide police search for a 20-year-old Smith College senior who vanished mysteriously from her Wellesley home was concentrated today along the banks of the Charles River, in Boston Common and the

Public Garden, and in the woodlands [woodlands] near Morse's Pond at the Wellesley-Natick line.

Sylvia Plath, of Elmwood st., a brilliant student who lead the college's [college's] junior list last year, was for walks in these particular [particular] areas, her mother, Mrs. Aurelia S. Plath, a Boston University professor [professor], told police.

[Artists rendition of photograph of SP wearing necklace and jacket]

### **Sylvia Plath**

A family friend, Col. Rex Gary, a former Army Intelligence officer, joined with relatives and volunteers in an intensive hunt for the missing girl.

Sylvia dropped from sight without [without] a trace yesterday after lea-

ving [leaving] a note for her mother which read:

**" am going for a hike and will be back tomorrow."**

Mrs. Plath said she was hopeful [hopeful] that Sylvia would return today [today] as she promised, but agreed her daughter's note was most unusual [unusual] because the girl invariably kept her informed of her exact whereabouts.

The girl has been nervous and under a doctor's care for several months, her mother said, and had been advised to devote less time to academic activities in the interest [interest] of her health.

Mrs. Plath said he daughter was on the verge of a breakdown as the result of extremely intensive [intensive] activities. She said in addition [addition] to maintaining one of the highest scholastic standings at Smith. Sylvia was working on poetry for submission to national publications.

The girl's work already has appeared in Harper's, Mademoiselle [Mademoiselle] and other magazines. She is the subject of a college feature [feature] in the current issue of Mademoiselle. Sylvia is a full-scholarship student at Smith.

When last seen, the girl was wearing a blue denim skirt and blue jersey blouse.

Sylvia is five feet nine and weighs 140 pounds. Her hair is dark brown and her eyes are brown.

Sylvia has a brother, Warren, 17, who will enter Harvard this fall. She is the daughter of the late Dr. Otto Plath, a Boston University professor who died 10 years ago.

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