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**Top-Ranking Student at Smith  
Missing from Wellesley Home**

[Photograph, reversed, of SP wearing white collar shirt and sweater]

SYLVIA PLATH

Missing student

Miss Sylvia Plath, 20, top-ranking student in the Smith College junior class last June, disappeared from her home at 26 Elmwood St., Wellesley, yesterday [yesterday] afternoon. A police search was asked by her widowed mother, Mrs. Aurelia S. Plath, a Boston University professor.

Mrs. Plath told Wellesley police [police] her daughter had left the house about 2 p. m. Later a note from her was found, in which she said she was "going for a hike" and would be back today.

**Had Been 'Nervous'**

The brilliant student had been "nervous" and under a doctor's [doctor's] care for several months, her mother said. She described Sylvia as a girl who liked to be alone and enjoying taking walks by herself.

An attractive girl, Miss Plath was described as five feet, nine

inches tall weighting 140 pounds,  
dark brown hair and brown  
eyes and wearing a light blue  
skirt and white sleeveless  
blouse when she left home.

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### **Girl Missing in Wellesley**

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Sylvia planned on returning  
to Smith next month for her  
senior year, Mrs. Plath said.  
Last year she was editor of the  
Smith Review, the college lit-  
erary [literary] magazine, a member of  
the college's Press Board and  
Smith correspondent for the  
Daily Hampshire Gazette.

She won two poetry prize awards  
at Smith last year, had three  
poems accepted by Harper's  
Magazine, had stories and poems  
published in Seventeen maga-  
zine [magazine], won a \$500 award from  
Mademoiselle magazine for a  
short story and last May won  
a guest editorship to the Made-  
moiselle [Mademoiselle] office in New York.

Sylvia's brother, Warren, will  
enter Harvard this fall. Their  
father, Dr. Otto Plath, also a  
Boston University professor, died  
10 years ago.

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