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## **Missing Smith Girl Worried**

The mother of Sylvia Plath, 20, missing Smith College senior, said last night that her daughter had been "writing despondently in her diary since about July 1" and had voiced the opinion that she was losing her creative ability in writing.

Mrs. Aurelia S. Plath, of 26 Elmwood rd., Wellesley, said her daughter, missing since Monday [Monday] afternoon when she left a note saying she was taking "a hike" and would return yesterday, had "lost confidence in herself [herself]."

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## **Girl Despondent**

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Miss Plath, who is a full scholarship [scholarship] student and topped last year's class, has sold several short stories and poems to national [national] magazines, the last one in April. Her mother is a professor at Boston University.

State police bloodhound, "Lieutenant [Lieutenant] Sid," was taken to the scene from the Andover bar-

racks [barracks] and joined more than 100 searchers in combing an area of woods and ponds near the Wellesley-Weston [Wellesley] line yesterday.

Police announced that a bottle of 50 sleeping pills was missing from the girl's bedroom. She has been taking them for a nervous [nervous] condition which had called for attention of a doctor, police said.

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