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Posse Hunts

Smith Girl

Woods and ponds in Wellesley were searched today for a brilliant [brilliant] Smith College student who disappeared from home yesterday afternoon.

POLICE SAID Boy Scouts were being called out to search the area around Lake Waban and Morse's pond for a trace of Miss Sylvia Plath, 20, of Elmwood St.

A state police bloodhound from the Andover barracks failed to pick up the girl's scent because of last night's rain.

MISSING

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

SYLVIA PLATH

Missing student

MISSING

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SYLVIA, a **PRETTY** girl with considerable literary talent, was to have returned to Smith as a senior next month.

Yesterday she left home at 2 p.m. leaving a note saying that

she was taking a hike and would be back the same day.

HER MOTHER, Mrs. Aurelia S. Plath a Boston University professor [professor], instituted a search when Sylvia failed to return.

The girl had been under a doctor's [doctor's] care for several months because [because] of a nervous condition induced [induced]by her intense application to literary work. She has been writing poetry for national magazines [magazines].

SYLVIA IS a scholarship student and topped her class scholastically last year.

She was editor of the college literary magazine, a member of the college's press board and correspondent for a newspaper.

She won two college poetry awards and had three poems accepted [accepted] by Harper's Magazine.

Her stories and poems have appeared in the magazine Seventeen [Seventeen]. Mademoiselle magazine gave her a \$500 short story award and a guest editorship.

The missing girl is tall. 5 feet 9, weighs 140 and has dark brown hair and brown eyes. She was wearing a light blue skirt and white sleeveless blouse when she left home.

She is the daughter of the late
Dr. Otto Plath, also a BU pro-
fessor [professor].

Transcribed by Peter K. Steinberg, 11 September 2016.