

Title: *Gloucester Daily Times*  
City, State: Gloucester, Massachusetts  
Date: 25 August 1953  
Page: 1

### **All-Out Quest For Lost Smith Senior**

WELLESLEY, Aug. 25 (INS)—An attractive 20-year-old Smith College senior, described as "close to nervous [nervous] collapse," was the object of a statewide search today.

Sylvia Plath vanished after leaving a note to her widowed mother, Mrs. Aurelia S. Plath, Boston University [University] professor.

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

Mrs. Plath said her daughter had been nervous and under a doctor's care for several months.

Transcribed by Peter K. Steinberg, 12 September 2016.