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**Fear Mounts for  
Safety of Smith  
College Student**

WELLESLEY, Aug. 26—(UP)—  
Fear for the safety of a missing  
Smith College honor student in-  
creased [increased] today with disclosure that  
a bottle of sleeping pills is miss-  
ing [missing] from her mother's locked  
cabinet.

Miss Sylvia Plath, 20, disap-  
peared [disappeared] Monday, leaving a note in  
which she said she was "taking  
a long walk—be back tomorrow."

Her mother, Mrs. Aurelia Plath,  
said the girl was under a doc-  
tor's [doctor's] care for nervous exhaustion  
at the time of her disappearance.

Mrs. Plath said Sylvia, top  
student in the Smith College  
junior class last year, had become  
depressed over temporary loss of  
her ability to write poetry after  
having several verses published in  
national magazines.

Transcribed by Peter K. Steinberg, 13 September 2016.