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**WIDE SEARCH BEING CONDUCTED
FOR SMITH COLLEGE STUDENT**

Wellesley, Mass. (UP)—A wide search was organized [organized] today for a top-ranking Smith College senior who disappeared from her home yesterday, leaving a note which said she was "taking a long hike." Miss Sylvia Plath, 20-year-old poetess whose work has been published [published] in national magazines, told her widowed mother in the note that she would be back today. But Mrs. Aurelia S. Plath said her daughter was close to nervous collapse due to overstrain and was under a doctor's care. Miss Plath, who was highest ranking junior at Smith last year and held a full scholarship, had planned to complete her studies at the Northampton campus next month.

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