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Seek Missing Smith Senior

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

Sylvia Plath vanished after leaving a note to her widowed mother, Mrs. Aurelia S. Plath, Boston University professor. The note read:

"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. She said her daughter, an honor student, had been advised to devote [devote] less time to academic activities [activities] in the interest of her health.

In addition to her studies, the mother said, Miss Plath was

working on poetry for submission to national publications. The girl's work has appeared in such magazines as Harper's and Mademoiselle [Mademoiselle].

When last seen, Miss Plath was wearing a blue denim skirt and a

blue jersey blouse. She is five feet, nine, and weighs 140 pounds. Her hair and eyes are brown.

The mother said her daughter was fond of walking along the Charles River, or wandering through Boston Common and the Public Garden. Police searched these areas without success.

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