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**Missing Wellesley Girl, 20,
Found Asleep in Her Cellar**

WELLESLEY, Aug. 26 (INS)—
Pretty Sylvia Plath, brilliant
Smith College student and lit-
erary [literary] contributor to national mag-
azines [magazines] who vanished mysteriously
Monday, was found today asleep
in the cellar of her home here.

The 20-year-old student-poet
had taken 40 of 50 capsules of a
sodium-base sedative, which she
had obtained through a doctor.

Sylvia had left a note for her
mother, Mrs. Aurelia S. Plath, a
Boston University professor, say-
ing [saying] she was going to take a long
walk. The mother said that her

daughter had been despondent
over a temporary inability to go
on with creative writing.

She was taken to Newton-
Wellesley Hospital, where physi-
cians [physicians] said she would recover.

Her latest poem, written when
she was guest editor of the maga-
zine [magazine] *Mademoiselle*, was entitled
"Mad Girl's Love Song." It began
and ended with the words:

"I shut my eyes and all the
word drops dead."

Finding of the girl put at rest
fears expressed by Police Chief
Robert B. McVey that Sylvia
might have committed suicide.

(Picture on Page 12)

Missing Senior

[Photograph of SP wearing necklace and jacket]

—Associated Press Wirephoto

SYLVIA PLATH

State and Wellesley police,
aided by 100 volunteers, have
intensified their search for 20-
year-old Sylvia, brilliant Smith
College Senior who disap-
peared [disappeared] from her Wellesley
home Monday. Authorities say
a bottle containing 50 sleeping
pills is missing from the girl's
room.

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