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**Smith Senior
Is Missing**

WELLESLEY, Mass. (INS) – An attractive 20-year-old Smith College [College] senior, described as "close to nervous collapse," was the object [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 [working] on poetry for submission to national publications. The girl's work has appeared in such mag-

azines [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 Gardens. Police searched these areas without success.

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