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**Hunt For Missing Smith
Honor Student Who Left
On 'Long Hike' Fruitless**

Sylvia Plath, 20-year-old Smith College honor student and press board reporter for the Gazette, was reported missing yesterday afternoon in Wellesley, Mass., by her mother, Mrs. Aurelua Plath.

Despite investigations and careful searching by Boston police [police] and relatives, no clue as to the fate of the brilliant and beautiful college girl had been uncovered early this afternoon.

Sylvia, the only daughter of a family of three, walked out of her Wellesley home yesterday at 2 p.m., leaving a note saying that she was "...taking a long hike...and would be back tomorrow [tomorrow]."

Her mother, a widow, became alarmed as her daughter had been close to a nervous collapse due to extremely intensive activities [activities]. Not only was she maintaining [maintaining] one of the highest scholastic [scholastic] standings at Smith, but was very active in the field of journalism and writing. Much of her work has appeared in Har-

per's [Harper's], Mademoiselle and other magazines. She was also guest editor of the month for Mademoiselle [Mademoiselle].

Despite the time she devoted to her studies at Smith, she was college correspondent for the Gazette and also for a Springfield paper.

Mrs. Plath became concerned at supper-time when Sylvia failed to return. She said that

her daughter was unfailingly dependable [dependable] about telephoning her whereabouts.

College authorities here feel that the girl might have broken her ankle while walking as she

[Photograph, SP left side of her face in profile]

SYLVIA PLATH

had been recently treated for a broken ankle sustained while skiing. Lately doctors had recommended [recommended] that she devote less effort [effort] to academic activities in the

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interest of her health, her mother [mother] said.

Mrs. Plath said her daughter was fond of taking long walks along the Charles River or

wandering through the Boston Common and Public Garden. Police are now searching these areas in hope of sighting the girl in one of her favorite haunts.

Sylvia's departure was "completely [completely] unlike her," it was emphasized [emphasized] by Mrs. Plath, who feels that nervous exhaustion or collapse [collapse] might have occurred.

Officials at Smith expressed their concern over the girl's disappearance and referred to her as " . . . one of the most outstanding girls we have."

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