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## **Missing Smith Student Is Object of Statewide Hunt**

### **Note Saying 'Have Gone for a Hike' Found in Sylvia Plath's Wellesley Home; Under Doctor's Care**

An attractive 20-year-old Smith College honor student, who was The Daily News campus correspondent [correspondent] during the last school year, was the object of a statewide [statewide] search today after disappearing [disappearing] from her home in Wellesley to go "for a hike."

Miss Sylvia Plath vanished yesterday [yesterday] after leaving a note to her

widowed mother, Mrs. Aurelia S. Plath, a Boston University professor [professor].

The note said: "I am going for a hike and will be back tomorrow [tomorrow]."

Mrs. Plath said her daughter, who last year lived at Haven

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## **MISSING SMITH**

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House on the Smith College campus [campus], had been nervous, under a

doctor's care for several months, and had been advised to devote less time to academic activities in the interest of her health.

Miss Plath was described as five feet, nine inches tall, weighing 140 pounds, dark brown hair and brown eyes and wearing a light blue skirt and white sleeveless blouse when she left home.

The honor student planned on returning to Smith College next month for her senior year, Prof. Plath said. Last year she was editor [editor] of the Smith Review, the college [college] literary magazine, and a member of the college's Press Board.

Miss Plath won two poetry awards at Smith College last year, had three poems accepted by Harper's [Harper's] Magazine, had stories and poems published in Seventeen magazine [magazine], won a \$500 award from Mademoiselle magazine for a short story and last May won a guest editorship to the Mademoiselle office [office] in New York.

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.

Miss Plath's father, the late Dr. Otto Plath, also was a Boston Uni-

versity [University] professor. He died 10 years ago.

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