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For Missing

College Girl

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(AP)—Volunteer searchers and a bloodhound scoured woods and fields today for a 20-year-old Smith College [College] girl who disappeared after leaving a note saying "I'm going for a walk."

Sylvia Plath, a college senior and daughter of a Boston University professor, left her home yesterday after writing that she'd return today [today].

Her mother, Mrs. Aurelia S. Plath, told police the girl has been "nervous" ["nervous"] and under a physician's care for several months. State police said a bottle of 50 sleeping pills was missing from the girl's room and it is believed she took them with her.

An honor student, she was editor of the *Smith Review*, the college literary magazine, last year as a junior. She was also a member of the school's press board and had sold several short stories and poems

to national magazines.

The bloodhound joined 100 volunteers [volunteers], including a large number of Boy Scouts, in the hunt near the Plath home and around Lake Waban and Morse's Pond.

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