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Missing College Girl Found In Semi-Coma Under Porch

WELLESLEY, Mass. Aug. 26 (AP)—A pretty 20-year-old Smith College senior—who vanished Monday after telling her mother she was going hiking—was found today semi-conscious but apparently uninjured under the porch of her home.

While searchers fanned out in a widespread search, Sylvia Plath was located by her brother, Warren, 18, and her grandmother, Mrs. Aurelia Schobar, 66, who heard moaning coming from the cellar of their home.

The girl was found behind a pile of lumber in a tiny space under the porch, through which entrance is gained by a 2½ foot opening about five feet above the cellar floor.

Police Chief Robert McVey said an empty water jar and a container of eight sleeping tablets were found by the girl's side. He said the bottle had contained 48 tablets when full.

Her mother, Mrs. Aurelia S. Plath, a Boston University professor, said her daughter recently had been depressed [depressed] because she felt "she was unworthy of the confidence held for her by the people she knew. For some time she had been unable to write either fiction or poetry."

Miss Plath was taken to a hos-

pital [hospital] where a spokesman described her condition as "fair." The spokesman [spokesman] added that she had suffered "no apparent serious injury."

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