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Missing College Girl, 20, Hunted in Massachusetts

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Search continued today for Sylvia [Sylvia] Plath, 20, a Smith College senior who disappeared Monday after leaving a note for her mother that she was going for a hike.

The mother, Mrs. Aurelia S. Plath, a Boston University professor, [professor,] said her daughter's disappearance [disappearance] may have been due to a temporary nervous disorder linked with her writing.

Miss Plath was editor of the *Smith Review*, the college literary [literary] magazine, last year, and has sold fiction and poetry to magazines [magazines] and other publications.

Mrs. Plath said her daughter "recently felt she was unworthy of the confidence held for her by the people she knew. For some time she has been unable to write either fiction, or her more recent love, poetry.

"Instead of regarding this as just an arid period that every writer faces at times," the mother said, "she believed something had happened to her mind, that it was unable to produce creatively any more."

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