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College Girl Found In Cellar of Home

WELLESLEY, Aug. 26 (AP)
—Sylvia Plath, 20-year-old
Smith College senior, object of
a widespread search since Mon-
day [Monday], was found today semi-
conscious in the cellar of her
own home.

She was taken to Newton-
Wellesley hospital where of-
ficials [officials] listed her condition as
"fair" and said she had suffered
"no apparent serious injury."

Authorities said the girl was
located by her grandmother who
said she was attracted to the
cellar by moaning sounds. She
said she found her granddaugh-
ter [granddaughter] wrapped in a blanket.

When she left home Monday
the girl left a note for her
mother saying she was going for
a hike.

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

Miss Plath was editor of the
Smith Review, the college liter-

ary [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 anymore."

Transcribed by Peter K. Steinberg, 15 September 2016.