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SENIOR FOUND; DRUG VICTIM

WELLESLEY, Mass. (INS)—
Pretty Sylvia Plath, Smith Col-
lege [College] student and literary con-
tributor [contributor] to national magazines
who vanished mysteriously
Monday, was found yesterday
asleep in the cellar of her home.

The 20-year-old student-poet
had taken 40 of 50 capsules of
a sedative, which she had ob-
tained [obtained] through a doctor.

Sylvia was found as a 100-
man searching party scoured
the countryside around Welles-
ley [Wellesley], including the Rocky Ledge
area.

DESPONDENT

Sylvia had left a note for her
mother, Mrs. Aurelia S. Plath,
a Boston University professor,
stating she was going to take a
long walk. The mother said
that her daughter had been
despondent over a temporary
inability to go on with creative
writing.

She was taken to Newton-
Wellesley Hospital, where phy-
sicians [physicians] said she would recover.

LATEST POEM

Her latest poem, written

when she was guest editor of
the current issue of the maga-
zine [magazine] "Mademoiselle," was en-
titled [entitled] "Mad Girl's Love Song."

It began and ended with the words:

"I shut my eyes and all the
world drops dead."

Transcribed by Peter K. Steinberg, 10 September 2016.