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Took 40 Capsules:

**Missing Writer
Found Sleeping**

WELLESLEY, Mass., Aug. 26
(INS)—Pretty Sylvia Plath, brilliant
Smith College student and literary
contributor to national magazines
who vanished mysteriously Mon-
day [Monday], was found today asleep in the
cellar of her home.

The 20-year-old student-poet had
taken 40 capsules of a sodium-base
sedative, which she had obtained
through a doctor.

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

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

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

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