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100 HUNT SMITH GIRL IN MASS. WOODS

Disappeared from home after leaving Note—Was Honor Student

WELLESLEY, Mass., Aug. 25 (AP)
—Volunteer searchers and a
bloodhound scoured woods and
fields today for a 20-year-old
Smith College girl who disappeared
after leaving a note saying “I’m
going for a walk.”

Sylvia Plath, a college senior and
daughter of a Boston University
professor, left her home yesterday
after writing that she’d return to-
day [today].

Her mother, Mrs. Aurelia S.
Plath, told police the girl has been
“nervous” and under a physician’s
care for several months. State
police said a bottle of 50 sleeping
pills was missing from the girl’s
room and it was believed she took
them with her.

An honor student, she was editor
of the *Smith Review*, the college
literary magazine, last year as a
junior. She was also a member of
the school’s press board and had
sold several short stories and
poems to national magazines.

The bloodhound joined 100 volun-
teers [volunteers], including a large number of
Boy Scouts, in the hunt near the
Plath home and around Lake Wa-
ban [Waban] and Morse’s Pond.

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