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Smith Girl Recovering

WELLESLEY, Mass. (AP) – Miss Sylvia Plath, 20, Smith College student discovered in the cellar of her home yesterday after a 40-hour police search, was reported in good condition at Wellesley—Newton Hospital today where she is recovering from an overdose of sleeping tablets.

The girl was found yesterday lying in a cellar-like recess beneath [beneath] the porch of her home, hidden by a pile of kindling wood.

An empty water jar and a bottle containing eight sleeping pills was found by her side. The bottle had contained 48 pills, police said, when it was taken from the home.

A search began Monday when the girl's mother, Mrs. Aurelia S. Plath, a Boston University professor [professor], told police her daughter had vanished after leaving a note that she was taking a long hike.

Her daughter, a frequent contributor [contributor] of fiction and poetry to leading [leading] magazines, had been unable to write lately, and had been depressed [depressed], her mother said.

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