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## Training harder at Ravenswood

Editor of the Times:

In your letters to the editor column Sept. 29, a Mr. John Partanen takes exception to my remarks about the quality of education at Ravenswood High School and at great length contends his child Robert got a fine education in this school.

If the Palo Alto Times had quoted me correctly originally, I did say at the Sequoia board meeting that it was possible to get an education at Ravenswood High School but it is certainly more difficult than at any other school on the Peninsula.

As a matter of fact, on page 22 of the Sept. 29 Times there are listed 104 Midpeninsula high school seniors who have been named as semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition. Conspicuous by its absence is the name of a single student from Ravenswood High School while Cubberley, Gunn, Los Altos and Palo Alto High have over a dozen each. Menlo-Atherton has the least after Ravenswood, with only three semifinalists. Certainly this should say something about the caliber of education at Ravenswood High School.

If Mr. Partanen is really sincere in his beliefs of the fine quality of education at Ravenswood, might I suggest he spend a few evenings at the Sequoia board meetings listening to the criticisms of parents who still have children in the school.

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