

"Grand Hank is a role model. Not just a rapper," declared Ragsdale. "As a rapper, I serve as living proof that education works. The environment may make a prediction about you but it is the individual who will ultimately determine his or her destiny."

The Educational Rap Lecture is a synthesis of his experience with hard-core Hip-Hop and his deisre to educate, inspire and influence urban youth to achieve despite the rampant social forces that conpsire against not only their success, buttheir very survival.

Grand Hank's repertoire includes a combination of rap, lecture and audience interaction to reinforce the importance of education, science, black history and selfrespect.

In addition to the lecture there is an audio cassette an album entitled "Grand Hank, Education of a Nation." Both are available at their concerts or by telephone at (215) 724-5260. Their mailing address is P.O. Box 23488, Phila., PA 19143.