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The 'cyber resurrection' of Malcolm X

By Tobin J. Klingler

A new online lecture series discussing the life and legacy of Malcolm X will feature the expert voices of Betty Shabazz, Alex Haley, John Henrik Clarke and Eric Lincoln.

One of the last times the four gathered was for a 1990 conference, which focused on the controversial civil rights leader. They have since died, but their words live on — online, thanks to the project's organizer, Dr. Abdul

Alkalimat. The UT professor of Africana studies has spent some time developing what many consider to be the world's most comprehensive Malcolm X Internet research site.

Now this resource is being expanded to include an interactive lecture series based on that 1990 conference.

"This becomes a learning environment which reflects the real world," Alkalimat said.

The site at www.brothermalcolm.net is

now available to users internationally, who can listen to the 1990 conference's lectures and participate in ongoing discussions about the topics. Alkalimat's students will be utilizing the site in class for the remainder of this semester, with a distance learning



Dr. Abdul Alkalimat

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Education dean search under way

The search for a dean of the College of Education is on. The position will be advertised nationally in the Chronicle of Higher Education on Feb. 16. Ads also will run in Black Issues of Higher Education and the Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education Magazine by the end of the month.

There are nine members on the search committee. They are College of Education faculty members Dr. David Bergin, Dr. Christine Fox, Dr. Renee Martin, Dr. William McNerney and Dr. Anathula Natsoulas; education staff member Lori Helvey; education student Melissa Hall; Arts and Sciences Associate Dean Dr. Marietta Morrissey; and community member Richard Jackson of the Toledo Public Schools. Bergin and McNerney are co-chairmen.

The committee is working with the Stratford Group, a national search firm with offices in Maumee and Cleveland. The Stratford Group will review all applications and forward résumés of potential candidates to the search committee for further review. The preferred deadline to receive application materials is March 1.

On March 10, the committee will begin to review applications. However,

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course planned for fall semester.

"[The first] goal is to further the analysis and exposure to Malcolm X," Alkalimat said. "But the 'cyber goal' is to fashion and model for 'cyber resurrection.'" He said he hopes to "fashion this site so people can say 'Malcolm X is not dead.' Resurrection doesn't mean atoms to atoms. The cyber-Malcolm has a new embodiment in bytes. Atoms become bytes."

The site aims to not only renew discussion about Malcolm X, it also is a means to allow many lost voices to be heard again.

Alkalimat said, "There is an old saying 'Every shut eye ain't asleep, and every goodbye ain't gone.' That can mean a lot of things. But here it means by various forms of electronic technology even the deceased can still speak to us."

The Africana studies expert has high hopes for the future of his resource. He believes it ultimately could lead to a 'virtual Malcolm X,' with those interested in tapping into the man's knowledge could virtually interact with the slain civil rights leader.

"We are in the sandbox here," Alkalimat said of today's technology. "This is kindergarten."

The project is a collaborative effort between UT faculty, Africana studies and engineering students, as well as community members.