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A Southeast Asian Celebration
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A two-day celebration of the Southeast Asian New Year was held on campus and featured a visit by four monks from the new Thai temple in Raynham, the largest of its kind outside of Thailand.

Dr. Wing-kei To, professor of history and coordinator of the Asian Studies Program, arranged for the celebration, which included lectures, a poetry reading and lectures by visiting scholars from Cambodia. Head monk Ven Mongkol Kuapool, as part of the celebration, delivered a presentation about the Buddhist faith.

Also among those who spoke was Y. Ly, the author of When Heaven Becomes Hell: A Survivor’s Story Under the Khmer Rouge, published by Yale University Press, and who today is a local Cambodian-American leader. The book is a first-person account of the four-year period when Mr. Ly and his family suffered the loss of their child during a forced march organized by the Khmer Rouge from the capital of Phnom Pen in 1975. (Story and photo by David K. Wilson, ’71, University)

Head monk Ven Mongkol Kuapool, seated left, of the Thai Temple in Raynham, with his fellow monks