



It would be easy to apply traditional heraldic symbols to a new college seal, but in time they become diluted and obscured. For New College, we sought a timeless symbol that would be representative of New College and yet would express an eternal truth. The sun which dominates the landscape becomes the central pivot, symbolizing the light of knowledge and the source of life and energy. The gentle and continuously moving lines represent the sea and the wind, the controlled waxing and waning of the four seasons, and the four points of the compass. We know that for at least 2500 years the flowing movement of this design has had symbolic meanings of continuity and variety; so it does for New College. For us these never ending forms imply that New College will always move forward; that it will forever be what its name was chosen to portray: the constant newness of the searching for knowledge and truth.