Time, Space, the Present, and the Future

It hardly seems possible that the calendar is telling us it is 2002 when it seems we barely have gotten over our concerns about Y2K. The events of September 11, 2001, also have contributed to this helpless feeling that time marches ahead, insensitive to our needs to pause, reflect, and regroup. Alas, we do not have the luxury of ignoring the fact that the future is upon us, and, ready or not, we need to do more than just cope—we need to take charge and move forward purposefully.

Our plans for the future will be made with cognizance of the September 11 tragedies. Our cover choice this year implicitly offers our thoughts, prayers, and hopes for our country, for those we have lost, and for those who will work to achieve a lasting peace in the world—a peace that will have to include acceptance of a diversity of beliefs and cultures. Every aspect of life in the United States will begin to realize the potential. New and creative ways to use the Internet and computer technology to improve patient care. Description of these activities, which some-