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BITNET, 16-year-old worldwide matriarch of educational computing networks, is being put to rest -- a casualty of the growth of the Internet, which now offers similar services with more functionality, including interactive sessions and World Wide Web access. NERDC will sever connections to BITNET on or about Sept. 1, 1996, depending upon the need to coordinate with neighboring data centers around the state. In BITNET and NERDC: Making the Transition, starting on page two, we explore how this change will affect NERDC customers in regard to e-mail addresses, listserv-managed e-mail lists, CMS NAMES files, and alternatives to the CMS sendfile (or transmit) and tell commands. On pages five and six, /Update presents excerpts from the official announcement of the decommissioning of BITNET, and an overview of the distinguished role BITNET has played in research and educational computing.

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