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> ----Original Message----
> From: Kerry Smith
> Sent: Monday, 25 September 2006 4:30 PM
> To: HUM-MSC Academic
> Subject: The use of Wikipedia for University
studies
> Dear all
> You may be interested in this: text taken in
full from Library + Information Update, 5 (9),
September 2006, p. 4.
> WIKIPEDIA WARNING
> Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales has candidly
advised college students not to use Wikipedia as a
source.
> Speaking at a University of Pennsylvania
conference called 'The Hyperlinked Society' Jimmy
said he gets about 10 messages a week from students
who've got into trouble for using the online
encyclopedia.
> 'They say "Please help me. I got an F on my
paper because I cited Wikipedia", ' and the
information proved to be incorrect.
> Jimmy said he had little sympathy for such
students, and thinks to himself 'For God's sake,
you're in college; don't cite the encyclopedia.'
> He added that the Wikipedia team has thought
about producing a fact sheet for professors to
students explaining what Wikipedia is and how it is
not always a definitive source.
  > 'It is pretty good, but you have to be careful
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with it, 'said Jimmy. It's good enough

> depending on what your purpose is.

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