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**Jeffrey Tatanus:** okay... three of six?

jonnyoosting has joined this chat.

pagreen@mac.com has joined this chat.

**pagreen@mac.com:** Three of six.

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** okay, so kim gregson (the faculty mentor from IC) is online, and she said that she would join us if we want.

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** would you want that?

**pagreen@mac.com:** Not a problem for me. One more viewpoint.

**jonnyoosting:** Whatevs

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** okay, she should be here in just a bit.

**pagreen@mac.com:** Okay. Who else are we expecting?

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** philip, ryan, and perhaps marjorie?

**pagreen@mac.com:** A full group. That would be good.

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** gee, wouldnt it be?

**jonnyoosting:** wishful thinking?

kgregson has joined this chat.

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** so... i guess we should really narrow it down to one idea tonight.

**kgregson:** hi there!

**pagreen@mac.com:** Jeff, would you like to introduce us?

**jonnyoosting:** hi kim

**pagreen@mac.com:** Hello.

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**Jeffrey Tatanus:** pagreen = megan, sophomore at MSU

**kgregson:** Hi Megan

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** jonny = jon, grad student at MSU

**pagreen@mac.com:** Hi Kim.

**kgregson:** Hi Jon

**pagreen@mac.com:** Or is it Prof. Gregson.

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** kgregson = kim gregson, television-radio professor at IC

**kgregson:** Nope - it's Kim

**kgregson:** only my mom calls me prof. gregson<G>

**jonnyoosting:** so, as you can see, we're having a bit of a participation problem

**kgregson:** hey - you have 3 - i have 1 in my group doing any work - maybe we can combo the 2?

**kgregson:** <G>

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** haha

**kgregson:** i see you guys came up with a nice list of ideas

**jonnyoosting:** thanks

**kgregson:** and you guys all put ideas into the pool right?

**kgregson:** that's good to see

**jonnyoosting:** all of us here now, yes

**kgregson:** the faculty just chatted - we're not sure there's been enough feedback yet

**jonnyoosting:** well, Jeff, while we're deciding whether to wait before officially deciding, can you explain the geoalerts concept again?

**kgregson:** we'd hate to see ya narrow down wiht out getting the feedback - that's a big part of hte creation net

process

**pagreen@mac.com:** Yeah, I think we could really use some time to think it over before choosing one idea.

**jonnyoosting:** kim - yeah. that's true.

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** so this geoalerts pretty much is assigning geographical coordinates to the story

**jonnyoosting:** so - how are they assigned?

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** a point, a polygon, or a line (probably based on geoRSS?)

**pagreen@mac.com:** And then assigning places directly and indirectly affected.

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** having to do with where the story takes place, where the people involved live, etc.

**jonnyoosting:** no. I mean, who assigns them?

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** so... like a murder could be tagged with the victim and the perp's coordinates

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** the journalist or editor who posts the story

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** i would say.

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**kgregson:** how about if a high school friend of hte victim or criminal wants to tag/comment?

**jonnyoosting:** so that would require a lot of participation by the journalists, etc?

**pagreen@mac.com:** Not so much more.

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** not too bad if there is a good interface to do so.

**kgregson:** (devil's advocate role - you might have ruled stuff out already - i'm just checking)

**pagreen@mac.com:** We always include where the important people in a story are from.

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** uh, i don't know if user-submitting coordinates would go too well

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** but it would provide a great way for people who have a connection to the story to find it

**jonnyoosting:** are we talking google maps here? We're planning on using their geocoding interface to generate coordinates for addresses?

**kgregson:** because... (gotta back stuff up<G>)

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** because for what?

**pagreen@mac.com:** One thing just occurred to me.

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** i would think that an interface based on google or yahoo maps would be best.

**pagreen@mac.com:** How long would we leave these up? If they're on a map, it could get messy fast.

WKUComanche has joined this chat.

**jonnyoosting:** hola ryan

**pagreen@mac.com:** Hey Ryan.

**WKUComanche:** sorry i'm late

**kgregson:** why owuldn't letting users tag stuff?

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** wouldnt it be hard to fact-check coordinates?

**kgregson:** Hi Ryan

**kgregson:** this is kim from lthaca

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** (professor)

**jonnyoosting:** their is one googlemap command that allows you to create a marker upon click, so readers might be able to just click to add a marker.

**WKUComanche:** hello there

**kgregson:** oh yeah - i forgot - prof

**jonnyoosting:** ^^I'm slowly trying to learn the googlemaps API. It's painful since I've got no coding experience.

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** yeah, i've been trying to look at what it can do

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**Jeffrey Tatanus:** although i dont know if we really need to have all of the particulars worked out at this point

**jonnyoosting:** So, what's the value? Can't newspapers already make a simple googlemap if a story warrants it?

**kgregson:** that was another thing the faculty talked about today - how much ya need for august

**kgregson:** knowing that there is an api and having some examples that do what you want - that's good start

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** this isn't a simple google map tho.

**kgregson:** that's a good question Jon

**jonnyoosting:** what is it then

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** it's making it so that the mapping (and geographic tagging) can be used for alert purposes

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** it's not so much for illustrating as it is for finding stories

**pagreen@mac.com:** Would you sign up for it, then?

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** yes, you would sign up for an account and mark up a map with areas you were interested in

**jonnyoosting:** Wouldn't all the story's in your area be from your local paper?

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** yes, but you may also be interested in other local areas

**pagreen@mac.com:** Not always. Your paper doesn't always get all the things affecting you secondarily.

**jonnyoosting:** What if you're interested in political news?

**jonnyoosting:** national level?

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** then you go somewhere else?

**pagreen@mac.com:** And like, my paper doesn't cover Hershey, but I'm interested in what happens there.

**pagreen@mac.com:** It's community news, after all.

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** national stories COULD be tagged with what **\*\*affects\*\*** a particular area.

**jonnyoosting:** so, we'd require every paper in the nation to code their stories geographically?

**jonnyoosting:** or tag

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** participating newspapers, yeah.

**pagreen@mac.com:** They wouldn't have to join, if they didn't want to.

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** it would bring quite a few hits to those stories, i am sure.

**jonnyoosting:** I'm not trying to be a jerk, just trying to push what seems a too vague idea to me

**pagreen@mac.com:** They're all vague, at this point.

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**WKUComanche:** i think there's more to the idea

**WKUComanche:** maybe we could provide a map as alternative organization for the news website

**WKUComanche:** 3d fly-over type of map

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** i think that would be a good use of geocoding of stories

**jonnyoosting:** Hmm. Interesting.

**WKUComanche:** maybe you navigate your news geographically instead of by headlines

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** have you seen the wii news channel?

**WKUComanche:** not yet

**pagreen@mac.com:** What's that?

**jonnyoosting:** haven't seen it et

**jonnyoosting:** yet

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-5121004050634823287&q=wii+news+video&total=1153&start=0&num=10&so=0&type=search&plindex=1>

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** take a look at the video, they have an interesting map "flyover" but it is only based on cities

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** not more local than that

**jonnyoosting:** pretty cool.

**kgregson:** so the news consumer uses the map to pick stories that more likely interest them based on geography? they don't add anything to the news, it's interface? Just checking to make sure i understand the idea

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** yes, the consumer uses the map to find stories

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**jonnyoosting:** I guess that's a point to consider. What "problem" or need does this address?

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** a lack of organization for local news online

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** especially for neighborhoods of big cities

**WKUComanche:** it's more interactive and would appeal to a generally uninformed audience

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** agreed

**WKUComanche:** this wii news is close to what I was thinking

**kgregson:** why would it appeal? (again - devils advocate mode - this is my job - to be pushy<G>)

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** it allows the news consumer to find the stories that are very local

**WKUComanche:** it might show trends across regions or the impact of an event across geog.

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** i suppose we could even integrate it with text filters too

**WKUComanche:** explain

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** like see where stories about barak obama are taking place

**jonnyoosting:** meaning it would scrape addresses?

**jonnyoosting:** okay. no

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**WKUComanche:** travel to that location and a video plays

**WKUComanche:** i like that

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** that would be pretty cool... but is it feasible?

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** i guess we could say a text story comes up or a video plays... or even audio

**jonnyoosting:** news sites aren't going to just give their content away, I think we'd have to just stick with links, because they'd want people coming to their sites

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** whatever medium is online

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** yeah, if people still end up going to the news provider's WWW site in the end, they would have little problem because they would still get the ad revenues

**WKUComanche:** i see this as a reorganization or alternative to the newsites out there now

**pagreen@mac.com:** True.

**jonnyoosting:** where would content come from then?

**WKUComanche:** the same sources would put it out there just the same, but it would be navigated and presented differently

**pagreen@mac.com:** But it would be easier, because you wouldn't have to take your chance googling stuff.

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** so a different navigation on top of what currently exists.

**WKUComanche:** why not?

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** exactly!

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** so is this the idea we are sticking with?

**kgregson:** ahh - that makes more sense now - as an alternative for the news site

**pagreen@mac.com:** We haven't even gone through the others.

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** okay, just checking!

**jonnyoosting:** i'm on board.

**WKUComanche:** i'm with it too

**jonnyoosting:** or news sites could also have their own mini-map on their main page for navigating there too

**pagreen@mac.com:** I think it might be the winning idea, but I don't think we should just scuttle the others.

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** off the wall idea -- what about making our idea about new news navigation.

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** and also build in the storynodes.

**jonnyoosting:** huh

**WKUComanche:** that's a great possibility

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**pagreen@mac.com:** How would it work. though?

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** not sure.

**pagreen@mac.com:** Fair enough.

**WKUComanche:** it would probably naturally occur with the map setup all by itself

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** but i feel like there is really a possibility

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** and potential

**WKUComanche:** this makes the news interconnected

**pagreen@mac.com:** I think it might be a good idea. We'll have to work on it, though.

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** those were our top two, right?

**kgregson:** did you get any feedback on teh storynode idea?

**jonnyoosting:** this reminds me a little bit of Twitter. Did anyone see that before it lost it's cool interface?

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** twittermap?

**jonnyoosting:** not really much feedback on that idea, no.

**jonnyoosting:** yeah, is that still going?

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** <http://twittermap.com/maps>

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** <http://twitter.com/blog/2006/09/putting-twitter-on-map.html>

**jonnyoosting:** ah yeah. there it is.

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**jonnyoosting:** so why not tie in cit journ - allow readers to submit their own stories to the site?

**pagreen@mac.com:** We'd have to have some kind of factchecking.

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** would storynodes somehow be similar to google's timeline view?

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** <http://www.google.com/experimental/>

**jonnyoosting:** hmm. a little.

**jonnyoosting:** I think you guys are too quick to right off cit journ with the "we can't trust it" line

**jonnyoosting:** as long as we label it as cit journ - different google markers or something, people will know what they're getting into

**WKUComanche:** if we carry both kinds, a distinction is necessary

**jonnyoosting:** definitely

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** i don't have an issue with the trusting of cit journ. in fact, i am a fan of wikipedia.

**pagreen@mac.com:** I like Wikipedia too, but we do have to at least have some kind of distinction.

**jonnyoosting:** sorry, part of that "you guys" was directed at my mixed group from last week, who simply refused to consider the idea

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** so, creating some sort of a framework for citizen journalists to add georss data to their existing blog rss feeds?

**jonnyoosting:** bingo

**pagreen@mac.com:** Or post someone's account coordinates with their stories, to see if they're close to the action.

**pagreen@mac.com:** see, not she

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** explain that idea

**kgregson:** that's strange - jon - about them rejecting the citizen j idea - kind of scary

**jonnyoosting:** yeah. it was wierd.

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**jonnyoosting:** can't trust it, in chorus

**pagreen@mac.com:** I can write about the Amish with a degree of authority- I live near them. I can't write about people in Seattle with authority, and people should know that.

**jonnyoosting:** How do they know you didn't live in Seattle, or have a best friend stil there?

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** or alternately, how do they know you didnt just move to PA?

**jonnyoosting:** I think it's too difficult to start trying to do background checks

**pagreen@mac.com:** All right, just an idea.

**WKUComanche:** i do see megan's point

**kgregson:** maybe the user creates a profile - what htey know about?

**jonnyoosting:** well, yeah. the dangers are all there. but the possibilities outweigh them.

**jonnyoosting:** I don't think we should limit participation in any way.

**jonnyoosting:** it just creates barriers

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** how are we going to get a news organization to care about this idea?

**WKUComanche:** bc they didn't think of it

**WKUComanche:** we were first

**jonnyoosting:** good call. we build them an easy to use interface for displaying their local stories on their homepage.

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** yeah, but they rely so much on 'real' journalists

**WKUComanche:** the difference between us and them is who signs their check

**jonnyoosting:** I think you'd be surprised how progressive most papers are these days. Even gannett is pushing for cit journ

**jonnyoosting:** or at least trying to accomodate it

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** gannett has been calling for cit photos in rochester, and has some paid bloggers

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** its pretty cool

**kgregson:** and if they can make better use of their real journalists - so much the better

**jonnyoosting:** yes yes

**kgregson:** news orgs want content to attract eyeballs that htey can sell to advertisers

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**jonnyoosting:** exactly. so like I said, we make it easy for them to display their local info using a miniaturized version of the concept

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** but it would be one framework, right? we wouldnt want people to have to submit stories to more than one system...

**WKUComanche:** right

**jonnyoosting:** yes. we get the to do it for the benefit of their local site, but the whole system actually benefits

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** how would that work with neighborhood/town newspapers vs local (metropolitan area) papers?

**jonnyoosting:** they can limit their display to only their stories if they choose. Change the query for returned results.

**jonnyoosting:** is that what you mean>

**jonnyoosting:** ?

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** yeah

**jonnyoosting:** I think it'd be possible.

**jonnyoosting:** The big hurdle is getting papers to do the geocoding, or whatever

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** like would the interface on the rochester democrat and chronicle (metropolitan area paper) include philly stories?

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** and would it include stories from the teeny-tiny suburban papers from a "competitor"

**jonnyoosting:** Like I said, I think we could limit the query for them so that it only returned results that they

authored. I don't know if it's possible, but I'd think

**jonnyoosting:** So, the display on their site only had their articles. and bloggers etc... if they chose.

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**Jeffrey Tatanus:** oh im sure it would be possible

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** so....

**jonnyoosting:** does anyone else have another idea they'd like us to consider?

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** whats our next step?

**jonnyoosting:** or is this it?

**pagreen@mac.com:** Shouldn't we run this by the other two before moving on?

**WKUComanche:** megan's right

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** ugh. i feel like we keep waiting and waiting.

**jonnyoosting:** Sure. But we've got to start moving, planning our presentation for next week.

**kgregson:** the presentations got pushed back

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** kim, has a decision been made about how the presentations will take place?

**jonnyoosting:** oh

**jonnyoosting:** good

**kgregson:** we really want to see more feedback taking place

**pagreen@mac.com:** Thank goodness.

**jonnyoosting:** are we still thinking second life for presentations?

**kgregson:** you guys are having a good discussion - i like the smooshing together of several of your ideas

**pagreen@mac.com:** Didn't a lot of people have problems with Second Life?

**kgregson:** yeah

**kgregson:** plus a lot of hte ideas are really underdeveloped, underresearched

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** how do we compare?

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**jonnyoosting:** well, I say we post this on the blog, see if there are any dissenters, and then use our chat

**kgregson:** you have an interesting idea - but you need a bit more research too

**jonnyoosting:** Thursday... to keep working on the idea

**kgregson:** do we have any idea if people have drifted away from local news because it is tough to find

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** hmm

**jonnyoosting:** can't say we do.

**WKUComanche:** in my town the paper maintains circulation but doesn't grow either

**kgregson:** you have some good examples of how others are using these maps and new interfaces - that's good research

**kgregson:** there may be info about it on trade orgs like the NAA

**jonnyoosting:** I guess PEW would be a good place to check. And some peer reviewed journals

**WKUComanche:** not enough local news happens, and the national news isn't covered as well as Fox news

**kgregson:** you might look at reasons being tossed around for the dip in the tv evening news

**WKUComanche:** credibility?

**kgregson:** check poynter (a journalism think tank)

**jonnyoosting:** yeah. okay.

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** we like poynter.

**kgregson:** credibility is a big issue at all levels - and it's something being talked about in the trades and in the news itself

**kgregson:** gotta love poynter

**kgregson:** this is the kind of stuff we're hoping you'll do as you get feedback from the other groups - start to dig into your ideas to make sure they're viable

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** i would say separate icons for bloggers and "real journalists" would be good.

**kgregson:** that they address a real issue/problem

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** perhaps we should write out an explanation of the ideas so that we can 'pitch' it to the mixed groups?

**kgregson:** go take a look at how places that are using citizen j content treat it - how do they label it

**kgregson:** explanation with research to back it up

**jonnyoosting:** good tips. thx.

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** yeah, is there a date by which we have to meet with the lettered groups?

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**kgregson:** we're going to try and get them to give feedback by the middle of next week

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** so a week from now, more or less?

**jonnyoosting:** meeting online is too time consuming to go over five ideas each. I think it should just be done in a blog or group page.

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** people just ignore the masses of emails too

**jonnyoosting:** My group met for 1.5 hours and we discussed one, maybe two ideas each.

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** there should be a better interface... online forum?

**kgregson:** yep jon - posting and commenting on the blogs would be a good way to handle the ideas

**jonnyoosting:** good call

**kgregson:** and then maybe meet to see if there are any questions/problems

**pagreen@mac.com:** Sounds fine.

**jonnyoosting:** exactly. maybe if each mixed group created their own blog too.

**jonnyoosting:** why don't we spearhead this idea for each of our mixed groups? that way at least we get more feedback.

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** mixed group blogs would probably be good.

**kgregson:** if it was an ongoing lots of weeks project Jeff i'd agree - go with a threaded forum. for this one time several day process - blog posts and comments are good alternative

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** so... should i create a blog for each mixed group on blogger or wordpress and send an invite out to everyone involved... just to spearhead the discussion?

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**kgregson:** can ya hold off on that - it's something the faculty are discussing - where would be a good place for the conversations

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** mokay.

**kgregson:** one option was for you to post your ideas on your team blog

**kgregson:** and the mixed groups post comments

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** that would work well

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** except

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** what point are the mixed groups then?

**jonnyoosting:** so we'd have to have the links available for everyone.

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** ?

**WKUComanche:** does jeff have to invite every single person to join so they can post comments?

**kgregson:** everyone can read and then comment on individual posts - not create new posts

**jonnyoosting:** okay. well. I've got to get going. We're still planning on Thursday for further revision and discussion?

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** i guess that works best.

**jonnyoosting:** and everybody search for research relevant to the idea, needs, problem it solves, etc...

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** and what are are goals for then?

**pagreen@mac.com:** I may be a little late on Thursday. My cousin's birthday party.

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** should we say 9:30 then?

**pagreen@mac.com:** All right.

**jonnyoosting:** okay. okay.

**WKUComanche:** good for me

**jonnyoosting:** thanks for the help Kim

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** thank you!!!

**WKUComanche:** ditto

**kgregson:** yell if htere's anything i can help iwth in the way of reearch - that's what i do for fun<G>

**kgregson:** that and play in secondlife

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** haha

**jonnyoosting:** Thurs. 9:30. Peace.

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jonnyoosting has left this chat.

**WKUComanche:** can you fix my sl?

**pagreen@mac.com:** Good night, all.

**kgregson:** i can try - what's wrong with it?

pagreen@mac.com has left this chat.

**WKUComanche:** i download the client and install it

**WKUComanche:** i run it and nothing happens

**WKUComanche:** no launch

**kgregson:** hmm - "hothing happens" - any messages? any changes on teh screen?

**kgregson:** Usually we have seen error messages

**WKUComanche:** the mouse goes to the hourglass then back to the pointer but no message

**kgregson:** yuck - that's too bad

**kgregson:** there's a page on the secondlife site

**kgregson:** let me get the url

**kgregson:** with the minimum requirements

**WKUComanche:** i've been through FAQ's already

**kgregson:** I'm thinking you don't have enough ram to start it up

**WKUComanche:** 1GB

**WKUComanche:** 3.06Ghz

**WKUComanche:** GeForce 7300 GS graphics

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** that should be fine

**kgregson:** <http://secondlife.com/corporate/sysreqs.php>

**kgregson:** yeah - 1 gig is good

**WKUComanche:** i use a wireless router to reach my cable modem in another room

**kgregson:** and you have broadband, not dialup

**kgregson:** and not running vista?

**WKUComanche:** XP sp2

**Jeffrey Tatanus:** weird.

**WKUComanche:** yeah

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**kgregson:** the graphics card -

**kgregson:** the support the geforce2 or 4mx or better

**WKUComanche:** GeForce 730 GS

**WKUComanche:** 7300 GS

**kgregson:** we'd need to look on teh nvidia site to make sure your's is better htan that

**kgregson:** i would think so

**WKUComanche:** it's pci-e

**kgregson:** and double check that you have the latest drivers

**WKUComanche:** i checked last night

**WKUComanche:** i'm stumped

**WKUComanche:** and i really want into sl

**WKUComanche:** if you think of anything, let me know

**WKUComanche:** i'm gonna go