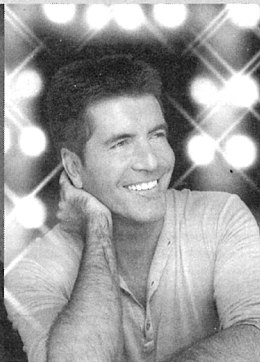
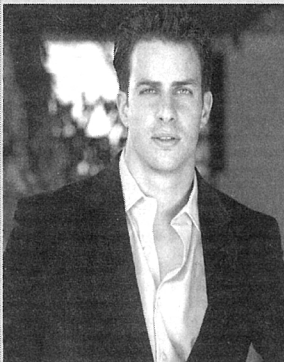


# Dawson's Hilarious

*Comedians on the hunt for hysterical students*

by Tyler Finigan



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Comedians and co-producers of *Montreal's Hilarious*, Jeff Schouela and Eman are looking for new undiscovered talent in Montreal and will be holding auditions at Dawson in Oliver's, on March 22 from 1 to 5 p.m. "We're looking for men and women who think they're funny and are new to comedy," Schouela said.

The two comedians have teamed up with Student Affairs to bring a chance for all the funny people at Dawson to display their hilarity to the rest of the city.

"I think it's a great idea! What better way is there to get discovered?" fourth semester Social Science student Ryan Walton said.

It will be a drop-in audition, open to anyone who wants to come and try out their comedy skills. Those who are planning to audition will be expected to perform four to six minutes of original material in front of a judge panel of three.

"It will be a friendly atmosphere, no need for performers to be un-

comfortable," Eman said, "None of us are a Simon Cowell."

After the series of auditions, judges will chose 10 to 12 people to be showcased in a comedy gala on April 14 at 12:30 p.m. in Conrod's. Then the winners will be given a chance to compete in the citywide competition *Montreal's Hilarious* during May and June at the Comedy Works, along with performers from John Abbott, Concordia, McGill and Marianopolis.

"We chose Dawson for one of the auditions because it's in the centre of downtown Montreal, the funniest place on earth. We wanted to tap into the young talent of the city," Eman said.

*Montreal's Hilarious* is a show that brings new comedic talent from all over Montreal and exposes them to what stand-up comedy is all about. Schouela has been in the comedy scene for six years and has amassed over 600 shows. He is also a regular act at the *Comedy Works* and *The Comedy Nest* just across the street at

The Pepsi Forum.

"A friend of mine is going to audition and he is one of the funniest guys I know. Now everyone will get to see just how hilarious he really is," second semester International Business student Ramon Bourke said.

Eman goes by one name and one name only. Although she is relatively new to the comedy scene in Montreal, she has played shows in the Middle East and was part of the first ever comedy show in Nazareth last year. Both of the producers are eager to see what Dawson has to offer and encourage everyone to come and audition.

"We want a big turn out," Schouela said. "We want people to come and be themselves."

"I think Dawson comedians are going to amaze *Montreal's Hilarious*. We're going to be better than Concordia, Marianopolis and all the other schools competing," third semester Social Science student Marianna Delrossa said.