



focus ON fashion

“Glitter glam”

Glitter adds sparkle and shine — literally — to any outfit. Choose a glittery piece such as sequined boots and go from there, making an outfit that’s comfy and fabulous.

Get sophomore Dierra Gross’ look!

Scarves aren’t glittery, but they’re warm.

Keep the rest of your look simple with a graphic T-shirt or sweatshirt.

Choose shoes that make you feel glittery on the inside as well as sparkly on the outside.

picks OF THE week

Welcome to the Picks of the Week, where we update you about anything ranging from special events, movies, music and entertainment taking place around campus and Kirksville.

events

Feb. 14

Kohlenberg Lyceum Series: “The Great Gatsby”

7:30-9:30 p.m.

The Montana Repertory Theatre will put on an adaptation of F. Scott Fitzgerald’s classic “The Great Gatsby.” The Montana Repertory Theatre is one of the nation’s premiere touring companies.

Feb. 16

Welcome to Truman. How May We Film You?

4-5 p.m. in the Centennial Conference Room

Residence Life is sponsoring a film project about regular students leading extraordinary lives. Actors, tech and crew are needed and no experience is required.

movies

Spidey returns home

Marvel Studios finally has the rights to Spiderman after long negotiations with Sony Entertainment ended this week. This means Spiderman will be a part of the Marvel Cinematic Universe, and rumors strongly suggest his first appearance will be in “Captain America: Civil War.” Since Spiderman is a Marvel comic character, his story finally can be done some justice now that he is where he belongs.

Jesus Camp

This Oscar-nominated documentary follows three children from Missouri who attend a church camp during the summer. The leader of the camp, Becky Fischer, is a children’s preacher who strongly believes that children are the future of Christianity. The documentary is from 2006, but is available on Netflix instant stream.

TV

Black Mirror

A British television show that first aired during 2011 and currently in its third season, “Black Mirror” is formatted as an anthology series. With only three episodes per season, each episode deals with a darker side to human nature and development.

Burn Notice

Taking the cop procedural to a new level, this crime TV show follows Michael Westen, a spy who gets burned, or “fired,” for crimes he did not commit. What’s special about the show is its witty dialogue and Westen’s dry humor narration.

HIT. or miss

The Index has scoured the Internet and gone deep into the recesses of Netflix to find the things you have yet to discover. We lie in wait for new entertainment to hit the web or the shelves. We do the heavy lifting when it comes to all things entertainment, and for your sake, we deem them a hit or a miss.

“Better Call Saul” is a...

HIT

Lawyer up for AMC’s drama, “Better Call Saul”

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It’s all about the money in the new AMC drama “Better Call Saul,” a spin-off from the critically acclaimed “Breaking Bad.” The series is a prequel to the events of “Bad” and follows a secondary character from the show — morally ambiguous lawyer Saul Goodman, played by Bob Odenkirk. Except in this prequel, he’s a down-on-his-luck lawyer named James McGill.

After the first two episodes premiered last Sunday and Monday, it’s still unclear what direction the show will take, but regardless, the first two episodes are quality television. It definitely has the “Breaking Bad” feel to it, where everything looks more cinematic than a movie.

During “Granite State,” the penultimate episode to “Breaking Bad,” Saul jokes he’ll end up as a manager of a Cinnabon in Omaha, Nebraska after being paid a sum of money to disappear from New Mexico. The new series begins with a black and white sequence of Saul working at an Omaha, Cinnabon, mindlessly going through the motions of his boring job. It’s only when he sees a questionable customer that he gets nervous. After he leaves work, he goes home and pops in a VHS. This is when it becomes clear this black and white sequence is Saul after the events of “Breaking Bad,” and we get to see him watch a

tape of his old “Better call Saul!” commercials, wishing for the good ol’ days.

Flashback to 2002, where the prequel actually begins, and Saul is Jimmy McGill, a struggling lawyer with hard cases working in an office in the back of a nail salon. As with “Breaking Bad,” Jimmy will start doing questionable legal actions for money.

Jimmy lives with his older brother Chuck, whose hypersensitivity to electromagnetism leads to his sabbatical from a prestigious law firm, Hamlin, Hamlin & McGill, which Chuck helped create. Jimmy makes it clear during the first episode they’re broke, so he gets an idea to go back to his old scamming ways to get clients.

Where Walter White was a good-guy-turned-drug-kingpin, Jimmy already was a man who wasn’t afraid to cheat his way through situations. Because of this, it’s clear “Better Call Saul” is different from “Breaking Bad.” It’s still a character drama, but it won’t be a portrait of the downfall of a single man. Despite having a different name, Saul Goodman still is Saul Goodman — able to talk his way out of any situation, no matter if it’s in a courtroom or with a gun to his head.

It’s still the “Breaking Bad” ‘verse though, and there are plenty of familiar faces to go around. Jonathan Banks is back as Mike Ehrmantraut, a fan-favorite character from “Breaking Bad.” He doesn’t have much to do during these first

two episodes though, where he’s a parking lot attendant for the lots of the courthouse and a ticket taker Nazi to Jimmy. Since we first met Mike through Saul on “Breaking Bad,” it’s safe to assume Mike’s involvement in this show will grow as Jimmy continues to work toward becoming Saul Goodman.

Call it karma, but after a scam to trick a couple into hiring him as their lawyer falls apart, Jimmy ends up face-to-face with another “Bad” character — Tuco Salamanca. Tuco was the first major drug dealer Walter dealt with during the first season of “Breaking Bad.” The encounter between Jimmy and Tuco took place during the second episode, “Mijo,” during which Jimmy and skateboard scammers he hired to help him out are taken to a field by Tuco and his men to be questioned about their possible involvement with the authorities. This leads to Jimmy becoming business partners with one of Tuco’s guys, Nacho Varga, and possibly setting up a mini-arc for the season — finding a million and a half dollars stolen by the couple Jimmy was trying to scam.

It’s obvious that show creators Vince Gilligan and Peter Gould haven’t lost their touch. Though the ratings dropped significantly between the premiere and the second episode, losing nearly half the amount Sunday’s premiere pulled in, “Better Call Saul” definitely is a must-see for “Breaking Bad” fans and an easy starting point for those unfamiliar with either show.