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John Johnson says

I've been a fan of Berkeley Breathed for many years, almost since Bloom County was first published, so it was very interesting to me to read this book and see his work from his time in college, before Bloom County was a thing. I liked seeing the beginnings of a couple of Bloom County characters, Steve Dallas and Saigon John. I don't recall any mention of Steve Dallas ever being married in any of the Bloom County books. I suppose his marriage to Kitzi was nullified or ended in a quick divorce. And I never had any idea that Saigon John was such a pothead. That adds a whole new dimension to the character. Of course, he was no longer Saigon John once he arrived at Bloom County, anyway. He became Cutter John. Maybe a new identity to escape his hippie past?

Academia Waltz was a comic strip that ran in the University of Texas school newspaper while Breathed was there as a student. Much of the strips were relevant within the confines of the college, but would be meaningless to those of us who do not recognize the places or people. Still, the humor is decidedly Breathed and this is a very fun book to read.

Mark says

Amazing how these comics still resonate today, decades after they were drawn.

Mark Bult says

Bloom County as one of my top 3 favorite comics of all time, and reading it when I was growing up was foundational to how my sense of humor developed. I had only caught a few glimpses of Breathed's college-era Academia Waltz strips at a special Breathed retrospective at the Cartoon Art Museum a few years ago, so it was really interesting to see the whole collection for the first time. Especially fun was seeing early versions of characters who later moved to Bloom County, such as Steve Dallas, plus seeing how Breathed's technique and style evolved and improved.

Emily says

It's amazing to me how much of his stuff has been recycled over the years. Still, all extremely well done and he is my favorite living cartoonist.
