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Without identifying me as author, the April 11 article on Carl Seashore quotes from an op-ed I published in the Daily Iowan. fyi defends Seashore by urging readers to see his “patronizing” views of women as normal for his time. Two points in response. First, Seashore did not merely express views about female inferiority—he implemented them in his official treatment of female students. Second, had Seashore stated and acted on such beliefs about blacks or Jews, I suspect that embarrassed administrators would issue an apology rather than an apologia. But old-fashioned misogyny is apparently too quaint to merit censure.

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