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What did the Daily do for you: When I think back upon my education at Iowa State University, the first thing to pop into my mind is my experience at the Iowa State Daily. In my three years as a columnist at the Daily, I learned more about writing than all the English classes ever offered could teach. Part of it certainly came from learning to work under deadline, brainstorming, research and simply knowing 14,000 people would read what you wrote, but what really made the Daily an effective teaching tool was a leadership climate that fostered collaboration and mentorship. As an editor, I quickly learned the Daily wasn't just a technical training ground for writers — it cultivated leaders. Even as a soldier with plenty of leadership training and experience under my belt, my time at the Daily is responsible for teaching me to do the same thing my editors did - harness the power of collaboration to improve the talents of all involved. It's a skill all effective leaders have.



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