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“Our basic responsibility is to prepare the student for a self-reliant life. Perhaps the most important aspect of this self-reliance is that he acquire the training that will give him a decent livelihood. At the same time we cannot neglect the broader issues such as the ability to learn to live with other people and to feel some responsibility for preserving our human values for future generations.

If our students are to understand human values we must direct their thoughts away from a total concern with themselves and their immediate environment to other times, other peoples, and other places in order that they may see more objectively than would otherwise be possible the failures and achievements in society and in human conduct. The role of the teacher in the university must be to create humane and enlightened men and women who are capable of carrying the burdens of democracy, who can find fulfillment in their own lives, and who can assist other people in the dangerous but meaningful struggle of humanity as it seeks to fulfill its great potential.”

James Chipman Fletcher, President, University of Utah

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