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*Author Gerald Kramer completes a back-to-back mystery fiction with the release of "The Dean's List" just six months after his debut novel "Vanderbilt Reef"*

On the third quarter of 2012, author Gerald Kramer published "Vanderbilt Reef," a mystery novel that commemorates the sunken SS Princess Sophia's maiden voyage. Not one to rest on his laurels, only six months after his successful debut novel, Kramer comes back with yet another mystery fiction that demonstrates that anyone can be put in jeopardy in a supposedly safe environment. Set in 1993, on the campus of a small university in a small town in the Midwest, his newly published book is titled **The Dean's List**.

"I started this novel more than twenty years ago, because I found the university environment to be underutilized in mystery novels," states Kramer. "All campuses are filled with characters who would easily fit into the genre. The story should appeal to readers who like the major characters to be more complex than cardboard figures who are pawns in keeping the plot moving."

Two campus murders in less than a week shake a small university to its core. The deaths of the Dean of Business and Technology and a student leader have life-changing consequences for Roger Holt, a middle-aged professor who is pressured by top administration into assuming the duties and responsibilities of his late supervisor and to serve as the Interim Dean. Reluctantly, Holt complies because of his loyalty to Great Plains University.

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Chet Evans, a detective on the police force, needs Holt's knowledge of the campus and higher education in general to help solve the cases. Unfortunately for Holt, Evans is not alone in realizing that Roger may be an integral part of the solutions. Amid all this intrigue is the promising romantic relationship between Roger and an unexpected partner. Events spiral out of control until Roger is about to become the third victim.

Fast-paced and crime-centered while providing a realistic view of campus life, **The Dean's List** is a book that sheds light on the attempted dominance of campus operations by external forces. The events and atmosphere described in the novel are an accurate reflection of Kramer's 30 years of experience and the perceptions of many other experienced faculty members.

"A university setting could be threatened by greed and corruption and even violent actions. Optimism is vital for individuals and organizations to survive," adds Kramer.

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### About the Author

Gerald Kramer is a retired college professor who also has worked as a human resource administrator, census-taker, clothing salesperson, and factory worker. He is an avid reader of mystery novels and lists Tony Hillerman, Ross MacDonald, and Michael McGarrity as favorite authors. Western and film noir movies from the 1930s and '40s are also popular with him. *Van derbilt Reef: Finding Daniel* is his first novel and reflects his admiration of Alaska. He may be reached through his email address, [gkramer72@cox.net](mailto:gkramer72@cox.net), or through his Facebook page.

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