**DVIP: Unconditional Shelter?**

**Cast of Characters**

Beth George (alias Kathleen Ruddell): Woman on the run from Arkansas with her two children, living and working at the Iowa City shelter (DVIP)

DVIP: the Domestic Violence Intervention Program, the name of the Iowa City battered women’s shelter. It began as the Domestic Violence Project, and changed in 1989-90. “Project” sounded too temporary for a shelter, and the board wanted to convey clearly that the organization sought to end domestic violence, hence the insertion of ‘intervention.’

Barb Larpenter: Beth’s roommate when they were both residents of the shelter. Volunteer at the shelter. Person who called Beth’s husband to tell him where Beth was.

Pat Meyer: Director of DVIP, hired Beth George as a counselor for the shelter.

Daniel Bray: Law partner of Lori Klokau who represented Jess George when he came to Iowa City to regain custody of his children. Previously, he shared office space with County Attorney J. Patrick White.

Barbara Xakellis: Chair of the DVIP board.

J. Patrick White: Johnson County Attorney. Investigated Beth George and shelter employees. As an elected official, he was a leader in the Johnson County Democratic Party. He has always run unopposed. He was regarded as sympathetic to feminists and had employed a number of feminist attorneys and law students on his staff.

Linda McGuire: Former coordinator of the Women’s Resource and Action Center (WRAC), the campus Women’s Center. She had also worked as an attorney in the County Attorney’s office with J. Patrick White. At the time of the incident, she was teaching at the UI Law School, McGuire is a recognized and well-respected leader of the feminist community of Iowa City.

Gwenne Hayes-Stewart: One of the original safe houses and former board chair. She moved from board to staff during the crisis.