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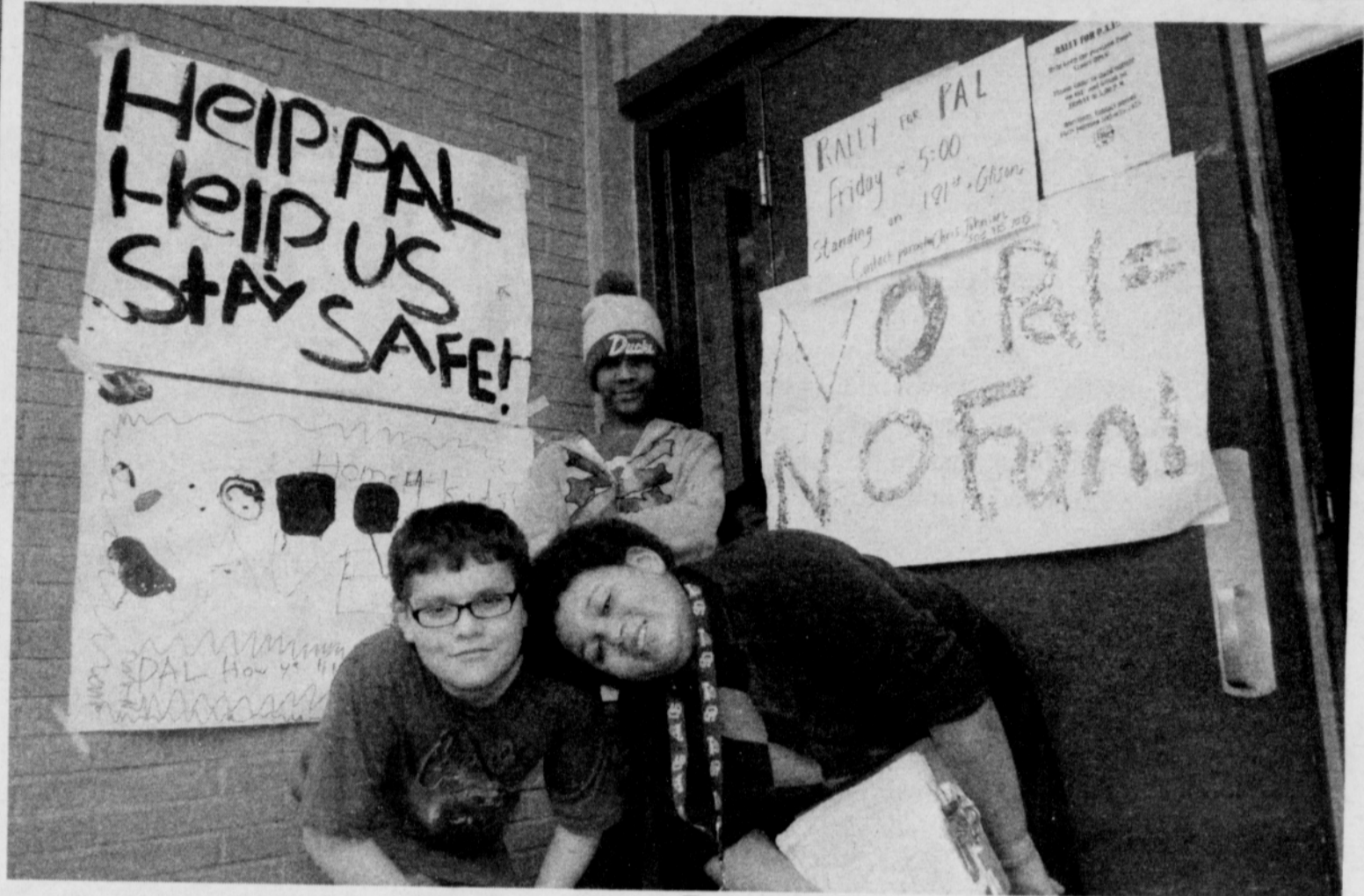


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Jesse Dunn, 12 (left), Izaya Glover, 14, and D'shawn Bogan, 13 (back), collect signatures to save the Police Activities League's Gresham Youth Center, which serves over 3,000 kids a year and has been slated for closure due to lack of funding.

## Youth Center in Peril

### Police Activities League moves to shutter Gresham site

BY CARI HACHMANN THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Staff members, along with parents of kids who attend the Police Activities League of Greater Portland after school program, were shocked, frustrated and angry when they were suddenly told last week that the non-profit's Gresham Youth Center would be closing down due to financial shortfalls.

"It's like the rug has been pulled out from under us," said Danielle Wells, the youth center's art director who is studying to become a

teacher. "These kids depend on us. Parents depend on this place. If this place closes, where are they going to go?"

Open since 1989, the Gresham facility provides after school programming Monday through Friday for up to 150 mostly minority and low-income kids aged 8 to 18-years-old.

Officials announced the Gresham facility may remain open for two more weeks giving parents a chance to find alternative childcare and the organization a chance to secure at least \$20,000 from a Friday fundraising event. For now, PAL's Beaverton facility will stay open with funding help from the city of Beaverton and their police department.

PAL's Gresham Youth Center Executive Director Patricia Day

TenEyck told staff Thursday that she was also shocked after a three hour meeting on Monday when the non-profit's board of directors made the decision to throw in the towel.

PAL's administrative offices in the Portland Police Bureau's North Precinct are also planning for closure.

Gresham's PAL staff were upset that they were not involved in the board's decision.

"We were left to tell these kids," said Wells. "To me it feels like nobody cares about these kids. It shouldn't be tolerated. It's human life. How could you go to sleep knowing what you're doing to these kids?"

Two members of the PAL board, including Executive Committee

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## Four Charged in July Murder

Four young African-Americans were charged last week in the death of Bernard Linton Yarborough, 49, who was shot in northeast Portland's King Neighborhood last July.

The arrested men are identified as Ladarius Dashawn Storey Jr., 21, Jelani Jabari McClendon, 26, Byron Lamar Bearyman, 21, and Deandre

Money Goudy, 20.

Storey has been in custody since Sept. 16 on unrelated charges and is charged with aggravated murder in Yarborough's death. The other three men face murder charges.

On July 19 at 6:46 p.m., after responding to a report of a shooting in the 5800 block of Northeast 6th Av-

enue, police found Yarborough critically injured. He later died at a Portland hospital of a single gunshot wound, an autopsy report concluded.

Anyone with additional information on this case is asked to contact Detective Jim Lawrence at 503-823-0867 or James.Lawrence@PortlandOregon.gov.