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STUDENT OUT TO SHOE KIDS IN AFRICA

Footwear drive involves high school, police

BY STEPHANIE WEST

Your old shoes can go an extra mile in Tanzania, thanks to a global-thinking teenager at Stouffville District Secondary School and some of his classmates.

Grade 12 student Imran Bagha heard from relatives building a school for charity in Mwanza, Tanzania, that most of the children there were walking miles to school on bare feet.

He joined the Empowered Student Partnership group at his school and pitched the idea for his Stomp Out Poverty shoe drive in Stouffville.

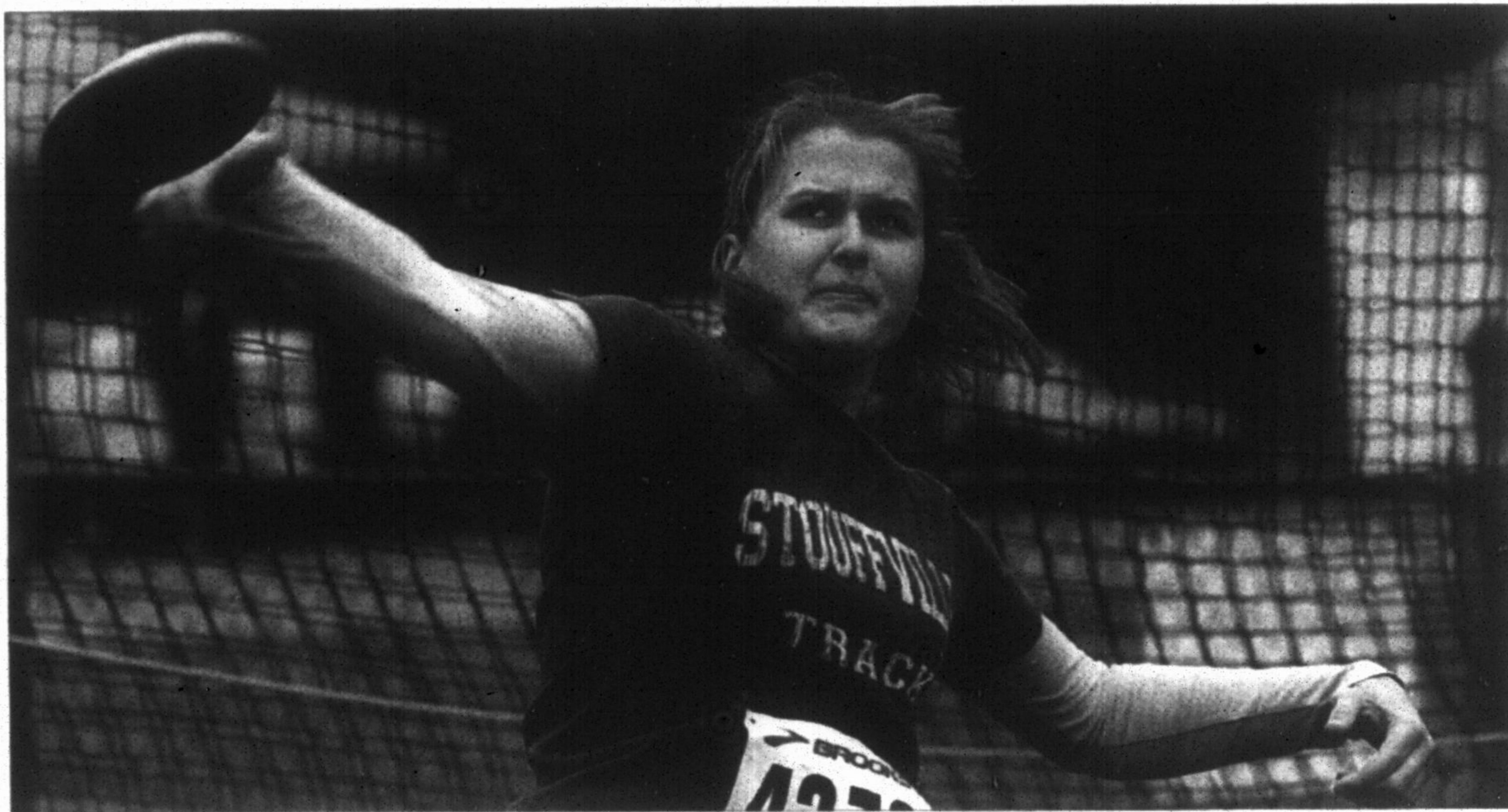
Teacher Efy Geronikolos and the small group of students jumped on board.

"To help those who are in need, often to realize how fortunate we are, we have to realize how unfortunate some people have it," Imran said.

The students began making posters, morning announcements and telling everyone they could about their drive. York Regional Police offered to pick up the shoe donations every Friday

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GOING, GOING ...



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Stouffville Spartan Emily Clarkson wins the senior discus event at the York Region high school track and field championships at York University track Monday. For more on Stouffville's starry performances, see story on page 32. See additional photographs on page 31 and yorkregion.com

Banned vendor returning to market

BY SANDRA BOLAN
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Barry's Gardens Farm Market will be allowed to sell its produce at the Downtown Stouffville Farmers' Market starting today.

But the rules that govern the market, including what you can buy there, are under review.

The decision was made unani-

mously by council Tuesday afternoon, which overturned the farmers market committee's decision to deny Barry's Gardens' application this season.

Councillor Rob Hargrave was absent from the meeting and did not vote.

"I'm very happy. It was what I was hoping for," said David Barry,

in a telephone interview from the Bethesda Road farm, adding he will be selling produce at the market today.

The committee denied Mr. Barry's application to be a vendor at this year's farmers market because he did not follow the rules. He had been a vendor since 2009 when the market opened.

"The bylaw for the market is that all farmers need to grow 70 per cent of the products they sell and Dave doesn't grow any of them from my knowledge," Paul Brooks, owner/operator of Mount Albert's Brooks Farms, said earlier this week.

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