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Vernon Goodman, salutatorian of his 1977 TVHS graduating class, received the John Phillip Sousa award plus recognition for his work in science, band and choir. He toured Europe that summer with the U.S. Collegiate Wind Band, playing for Queen Elizabeth's Silver Jubilee and the Johann Strauss Waltz Festival in Vienna.

He graduated magna cum laude from LeTourneau University in 1981 with a B.S. in Mathematics. He joined E-Systems (now Raytheon) in 1981 as a software engineer. He continued his education, obtaining an M.S. from the University of Texas at Dallas and taking several doctoral level courses.

Vernon currently works as a Senior Principal Physicist at Raytheon in Garland, Texas. He has multiple awards, publications, patents and patents pending in Through-the-Wall Radar, signal processing, interference cancellation, laser radar and image processing. He recently was nominated for Engineering Fellow (the highest technical level in Raytheon) and serves as instructor for several advanced courses. He flew as a civilian crew member on missions during Central American, Balkan and Taiwan Strait crises. He was named Outstanding Author and Inventor for 2009 and 2010.

He enjoys sailing, traveling, camping and hiking. He learns to play one new instrument every two years and is a leader in his community band and church orchestra. Currently working on a novel, he previously wrote a devotional book, many short stories, a screenplay and philosophical and theological articles.

Vernon is actively involved in church, international missions, and community activities in Rockwall, Texas, where he lives with his wife, Joyce. They raised two sons and a niece and celebrated thirty years of marriage last year.