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CHARLESTON, IL--The general rule of thumb in most organizations is that the largest percentage of work is done by a small percentage of the membership.

On a college campus, the same willing-to-work students crop up over and over as members of the student senate and various student boards, the newspaper and yearbook staff, honor fraternities and other active organizations.

Three years ago Tassels-Mortar Board was founded at Eastern Illinois University for the purpose of recognizing these top student achievers, bringing them together and routing their energy and efforts toward projects that would benefit the Eastern community.

"We wanted to bring together students who are prone to go beyond the average student involvement and who would be willing to contribute their talents and efforts to areas of interest exhibiting a need, as dictated by the university," said Dr. Glenn D. Williams, vice president for student affairs and organizer of the Eastern chapter.

Williams said his original thought in starting Tassels was that there was a need to recognize students for not only their achievement of academic excellence but also for their contributions to university activities. And a group made up of campus leaders can provide excellence in service to the Eastern community, he said.

The membership of Tassels is made up of some of the hardest working people on campus, Williams said.

Twenty or fewer students, selected for their outstanding academic and participatory achievements, are inducted into the Tassels-Mortar Board society each year. There is a complete turnover in membership each year as current

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Each semester the membership is required by charter to participate in at least one philanthropic program.

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Yamin said there are several projects being discussed for the spring semester and added that she would like to see the organization sponsor a seminar to help other high achievers with time management, leadership, and stress related to success-seeking.

There are problems inherent in being a perfectionist-type, Yamin said. The one thing that one high-achiever can give to another is understanding, she said.

"The best part of the Tassels organization is that I met other students who are a lot like me," she said.

Members of the 1985-86 Tassels-Mortar Board honorary are: Ron L. Alburtus, Ronda Leathers, Kim Maxwell, Michael North, and Nancy Yamin from Charleston.

Sherilyn Allen, Loda; Ken Chrzanowski, Hanover Park; Darcy Ford, Atlanta, Ill.; Marcy Garling, Morris; Shari Grotefendt, Marine.

Shari Keele, Nokomis; Marcy Prucell, Mokena; Lorinda Renner, Stewardson; Ken Schroeder, Bloomington; Mary Shannon, Naperville; Barbara Voss, Breese; and Sally Wills, Beecher City.