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Renovated last year, TSR now has more management staff, and a library of textbooks which will soon include a collection of bibles. Though TSR has been around since the early 1979's, when it was started by the Black Student Union, it had declined in use three years ago due to under-staffing, Rabbits Morfin-Ramirez, assistant director of OME, directed the renewal of the program.

To insure quality, tutors are paid and must have at least a 4.0 GPA in the subject they tutor in and a 4.0 GPA overall. Also, Morfin-Ramirez interviews each tutor to check their communication skills. Graduate student tutors start at $39 an hour and undergraduate tutors at $37 an hour.

According to Francis, one short-coming of TSR is that tutors for upperscramble are harder to find, but TSR is working on the problem. Presently, TSR is used primarily by freshmen and sophomores. Another deficiency of TSR is the lack of racial diversity among the tutors, Francis said. "I've made a push to get more tutors of color. Though this is highly touchy and political, you need tutors of color for two reasons. One, you're making a statement if you have a certain group of people dominating in a program — that the people of color are not intelligent. Second, people of like backgrounds understand each other better anyway. People should have the option of calling in and getting tutored by a person of their own race," he said.

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