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"We were stuck in Eugene this year."
SHINOBU OKAJIMA
business, sophomore

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pieces," Melby said.

A metal and wood prototype have been installed in a few rooms as experiments.

Freshman David Engelman, whose room was installed with a wood prototype, said it is "nice to have all the area below the bunk. It opens up the room for lounging around and storage."

Melby is currently working with a local manufacturing firm to make the design more efficient. Sometimes, "the student will come up with an idea that will further improve the design," Melby said.

Wright said they are still in the process of

researching and developing "the hardware that will hold the loft at various heights."

Melby and Wright said the loft will cost about \$400 per unit for the wood and \$600 per unit for the metal loft.

In a recent meeting, University Housing decided to use the funds allocated for bed replacements to install more lofts in residence hall rooms.

Once the loft system is patented, University Housing has plans to license and sell the lofts to other universities. Proceeds will help subsidize University Housing.

"It keeps room and board rates low," Wright said. "It costs over \$1.3 million per year for the routine daily maintenance of the residence halls and housing is fully self-supporting."

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