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Fifth year LA major Young Choi served as the float’s production manager. He also designed, constructed and planted the float’s green wall. Jo-Annie Tran (third year) and Ryan Wang (second year) were on the design committee, with Jo-Annie serving as assistant design chair. She will take over as chair of the design committee for next year’s float.

“I never thought I could be part of designing a float, and then making a float by welding pounds of steel and carving blocks of foam,” said Tran. “It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.”

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