

The background image is a photograph of the United States Capitol building at night. The dome is brightly lit, casting a warm glow on the surrounding area. The foreground is a snow-covered lawn with several bare trees. The overall atmosphere is somber and historical.

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# Trump pardons Larry Giberson '23 alongside most Jan. 6 rioters



Giberson was initially charged in March 2023 with **six violations** of the U.S. Code for his participation in a “heave-ho pushing effort” in an attempt to enter the Capitol through the Lower West Terrace “tunnel” entrance.

Giberson initially pleaded not guilty and underwent trial, during which he graduated from Princeton with an A.B. degree in **Politics** and certificates in both **French** and **Values and Public Life**.



**In November 2023, Giberson pled guilty to one count of civil disorder. He was sentenced to two months in prison, six months of home detention, and \$2,000 in fines.**

“As someone in the service of the nation, and in the service of humanity, I am sorry,”

*Larry Giberson ’23*

*Invoking Princeton’s informal motto in an address to the court during his sentencing*



“I was expecting some kind of day one presidential action, but I wasn’t sure of the **extent** of it.”

“Now that we’ve gotten this **very large blanket pardon**, I’m not quite sure what to think about it. I’m not entirely sure if it’s totally **justified**.”

*Larry Giberson ’23*



“I think the pardon is as much a grant of **clemency** to the individual person who receives it as it is maybe a message to the nation to **forgive** and to let go of past grievances, to heal and to **unify**, and to take a step forward together.”

*Larry Giberson ’23*



Giberson isn't yet certain of his long term plans. He's taking time to travel, including a trip to Asia later this year. He's become a certified sommelier.

As he put it, he's "just kind of going with the wind right now." But wherever he ends up, he's leaving Jan. 6, 2021 behind.



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Caption: On Jan. 20, Larry Giberson 23 was pardoned for his participation in the Jan. 6, 2021 riot at the U.S. Capitol, along with roughly 1,500 other rioters in a bulk executive action by President Donald Trump. The executive order grants a complete and unconditional pardon to all but 14 rioters, who received commutations. Im really grateful to President Trump for his clemency, Giberson said in an interview with The Daily Princetonian. I was a stupid kid. A year of Princeton barely under my belt and just starting to get ideas. Ideas are so dangerous at that age before you really learn how to use them properly. Tap the link in our bio for the full story. Reporting by Vitus Larrieu. Photo courtesy of Architect of the Capitol.

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