

## Heard mentality

■ Overheard on the “Overheard at UChicago” Facebook page.

“Is that your midterm [paper]?”  
“Yeah. Do you think if it’s twice as long as he said he won’t read it?”

—at Harper

“You’re an intellectual now. You don’t look things up in the dictionary. You think. You challenge the dominant discourse.”

—professor of the humanities to grad student during office hours

“Man ... it still smells like desperation.”

—alum on the [Reg] A-Level

“I wish I could teach you more, dude, the solutions are so elegant. So elegant. So extremely elegant.”

—A-level, 4 a.m.

“Put on your CEO hat for a moment ...”

—Booth student, on the phone

“Scientists would consider everything I’m studying to be complete nonsense.”

—Pick Lounge

“Applying Western theory to a non-Western country is always problematic, but it is also one of the best ways for young academics to get published.”

—EALC professor on a Foucauldian analysis of China

“I need another friend. Preferably female.”

—guy on the quad

“No Nobel Prize for the second year in a row? Sometimes I think this place is going to hell.”

“So what’s the point of all this? Derivatives are awesome.”

—professor after writing an extensive proof on the board

“Are they ever going to finish the Reg Egg? I wanna feel like I’m in a giant snow globe!”

“Every time I see one of Lady Gaga’s videos, I’m filled with an overwhelming desire to buy her a pair of pants.”

—HUM professor

“Smallpox is such a hipster disease these days.”