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.
—Booth student, on the phone

“No Nobel Prize for the second year in a row? Sometimes I think this place is going to hell.”
—EALC professor on a Foucauldian analysis of China

“So what’s the point of all this? Derivatives are awesome.”
—professor after writing an extensive proof on the board

“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.”
—guy on the quad

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

“Smallpox is such a hipster disease these days.”
—HUM professor

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

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