

## **EK 100 - Freshman Advising Seminar**

### **Ethics in Engineering Topics for Discussion**

#### *“64 Dartmouth College Students Face Discipline Over Cheating”*

Electronic “clickers” have become more popular in large lecture courses. Do you think this technology presents more of an opportunity to cheat?

Do you believe the sentence of a one-semester suspension is a fair sanction? Why or why not? What do you think about the professor lowering the final grades of those cheated?

The instructor of the course, Professor Balmer states: “I think honor no longer is something that has a lot of resonance in society, and I suppose in some ways it’s not surprising that students would want to trade the nebulous notion of honor with what they perceive as some sort of advantage in professional advancement.” What is your reaction to this statement? Do you believe honor has lost meaning in academic environments?

The article discusses the Honor Code in place at Dartmouth. All BU students have to sign the Academic Code of Conduct and BU has similar sanctions for violations of the academic conduct code. What kind of weight do you believe this code carries? Do you think students who contemplate cheating consider the code they have signed and agreed to abide by?