

## Must Reading

Anyone who hasn't seen [The Chronicle of Higher Education](#) interview of Mary Willingham should stop what they're doing and spend a few minutes viewing it.

The report that accompanies the video is as follows:

'The Athletic Machine Is in Charge of the University'  
Mary C. Willingham, Former Learning Specialist at Chapel Hill



Mary C. Willingham, a learning specialist who blew the whistle on academic fraud at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is promoting a book she co-wrote about the scandal. In a recent conversation with The Chronicle, Ms. Willingham talked about how the scandal highlighted what she said are larger problems in the world of big-time college sports, warning that "the athletic machine is in charge of the university." Ms. Willingham also discussed her efforts to expose the fraud at Chapel Hill, how colleges could do more to help athletes get a meaningful education, and her advice for others who see problems similar to the ones that arose at UNC.

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