

# UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL



CHARLIE WEIS – HEAD COACH

June 14, 2007

Mr. Dennis J. Smith  
662 Justin Court  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Dear Denny:

This weekend I had the opportunity to meet your brother, Francis, and your nephews, Bill and Mike Smith and Andrew Haley, at the Annual Hannah and Friends Golf Invitational. I was sorry to learn of your fight against ALS, but impressed with their reports of your courage and dignity in battling this disease. The love and admiration your family holds for you was immediately obvious.

As a sign of their affection, I understand that your nieces and nephews have established the Dennis J. Smith Legacy Foundation. It must be truly overwhelming to know that you are a daily inspiration to your nieces and nephews. Having spoken to them, I know how eager they are to ensure that people far and wide know of your boundless faith, your unending generosity, and your strong character. As someone who works every day in the Francis W. and Rita C. Smith Coaches Suite I can certainly attest to your generosity!

Denny, we are blessed as a University to have the support of alumni such as you – Domers who strengthen their faith in the face of difficult circumstances, Domers who strive to better the communities in which they live, Domers who continue to support Our Lady's University. Your life is a testament to the creed God, Country, Notre Dame. You are truly a Notre Dame man.

I have known many rabid ND fans since I joined the University in 1974, but you are the first person I have heard of to name your assisted walking device Darius Walker! I know that you will be tuned in on September 1<sup>st</sup> as we take on Georgia Tech, and I will be counting on your support!

Go Irish!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charlie Weis".

Charlie Weis  
Head Football Coach



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