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DEAR FOOTBALL COACH

After completing my second season as head coach of the Fighting Irish, it is clear that we have made great progress in returning the Notre Dame Football program to national prominence. I have been extremely pleased with the amount of hard work and dedication our team has shown throughout this season, and know that because of this they have been successful both on and off the field. Much of our success stems from the tremendous leadership and diligence shown by the coaching staff. With their combined years of experience as head coaches, coordinators and assistants, as well as their numerous bowl appearances and victories, you will not find a more qualified and successful group of leaders.

Just as I aim to surround myself with a staff that can lead the Irish to victory, I want you to be able to benefit from their expertise at this year's Notre Dame Football Coaches Clinic. This year's clinic will be held April 13-14 on the Notre Dame campus. On Friday you will have an opportunity to attend the FCA luncheon as well as a hosted dinner and social hour on Friday evening. Those involved in the weekend's activities will have a tremendous experience – including interactive presentations from the Irish coaching staff as well as other visiting coaches. Chalk-talk sessions will provide you with an excellent opportunity to become familiar with various coaching techniques and a chance to know the coaches and other visitors. In addition to various presentations, you will also have opportunities to see the current Fighting Irish team practice, a chance to tour the Notre Dame Stadium locker room and exposure to a full slate of exhibitors.

It would be our pleasure to see you and your staff in attendance. To register, please fill out the attached form in this brochure today or go online to www.ndcoachesclinic.com to print out a registration form. You can email us at fbclinic@end.edu with any questions or concerns. We look forward to meeting you and your staff in April!

Go Irish!

Charlie Weis

Charlie Weis
 Head Football Coach

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CHARLIE WEIS – HEAD COACH

A record combined win total (19) for the first two seasons of any University of Notre Dame head football coach, consecutive Bowl Championship Series invitations for the first time in Irish history, and the two most accomplished passing seasons in Notre Dame football annals – those are the most notable by-products of the first two seasons of the Charlie Weis era in South Bend.

Weis, a 1978 Notre Dame graduate and owner of four Super Bowl-champion rings as products of a stellar 15-season career as a National Football League assistant coach, wasted no time putting his signature stamp on his alma mater's program in his first two years as Irish head coach in 2005 and 2006. Weis and his Irish followed up a 9-3 record in '05 and BCS appearance in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl with a 10-2 regular season mark in '06 and a second consecutive BCS invitation (to play in the Allstate Sugar Bowl). Those 19 combined wins (including eight straight in the middle of the '06 regular season) are the most in a two-year period by the Irish since they collected 21 in 1992-93. It's also the first time Notre Dame has played in BCS games in successive years and the most prominent two-season bowl qualification since the Irish played in the Fiesta and Orange Bowls after the 1994 and '95 campaigns. The only schools to play in BCS games after both the '05 and '06 seasons are Notre Dame, Ohio State and USC.

The architect in '05 and '06 of the two most prolific passing seasons in Notre Dame football history, Weis has effectively transformed the Irish offense into one of the most productive in the country, as Notre Dame scored more points in '05 (440) than in any previous season in school history – and also qualified as the most improved offensive attack in the nation, jumping its total offense production (477.33 yards per game) a national-best 131.8 yards per game better than in '04. The Irish followed that up with another strong passing attack in '06, with Notre Dame's average of 273.8 passing yards per contest ranking 10th nationally and second all-time in the Notre Dame record book (behind only the 330.3 mark from '05). The Irish protected the football nearly as well as any team in the country in '06, with their 12 overall turnovers in 12 games ranking tied for third of the 118 NCAA I-A teams.

The Irish again picked up an at-large BCS position in '06 after their final 11th-place standing in the BCS poll. Notre Dame's 10 regular-season wins included two of the most dramatic comeback victories in Irish history – a 40-37 win at Michigan State after trailing by 16 points with nine minutes remaining and a 20-17 win over UCLA thanks to a three-play, 80-yard drive that resulted in the winning points with 27 seconds left. Notre Dame's only defeats in '06 came at the hands of fifth-rated USC (the Trojans finished the regular season 10-2 and will play Michigan in the Rose Bowl) and third-ranked Michigan (winner of 11 straight games to open the '06 campaign).

Weis' charges added to that list of individual accomplishments in '06 – as Quinn won the Maxwell Award as the outstanding player in the country and the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award (as the top senior quarterback), took third in the Heisman Trophy race (the first time a Notre Dame player ever had finished fourth or better in consecutive seasons) and again was a finalist for the O'Brien Award and the Walter Camp Foundation Player of the Year Award. Meanwhile, Samardzija was a Biletnikoff finalist and first-team All-American for the second straight season – and tight end John Carlson was a finalist for the Mackey Award (as well as a first-team Academic All-American).

Now pointing for his 28th season overall in coaching in 2006, Weis spent nine seasons with the Patriots and five as the team's offensive coordinator – plus three seasons each with the New York Giants (1990-92) and New York Jets (1997-99). In those 15 NFL seasons, his coaching contributions helped produce those four Super Bowl championships (Giants following 1990 season, Patriots following '01, '03 and '04 seasons), five conference titles, six division titles and a 15-3 playoff record. Weis has been a winner everywhere he has coached – and he has received widespread notice as one of the most creative and innovative offensive coordinators in football.



BILL LEWIS

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH (DEFENSE) & DEFENSIVE BACKS

A former college head coach who also brings an impressive wealth of experience from the college and NFL ranks, Bill Lewis is in his second season with the Irish serving as assistant head coach (defense) and defensive backs coach. Lewis has molded a much-improved and opportunistic secondary for Notre Dame as the Irish defensive backfield has produced 31 of the 41 turnovers created by the defense over the last two years.

Lewis joined the Irish after nine seasons with the NFL's Miami Dolphins. He joined the NFL coaching ranks after 32 years (1963-94) of coaching at the collegiate level. Lewis began his coaching career with three seasons at East Stroudsburg (Pa.) State in 1963 (he also coached the East Stroudsburg baseball team in 1965) and made stops as defensive backs coach at Pittsburgh (1966-68), Wake Forest (1969-70), Georgia Tech (1971-72), and Arkansas (1973-76). Coach Lewis also served three seasons as head coach at Wyoming from 1977-79 and at Georgia Tech from 1992-94.

CORWIN BROWN

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

The most recent addition to the Irish football staff, Corwin Brown joins us from the New York Jets. He most recently served as their defensive backs coach, and prior to his stay in New York, he spent three seasons as the special teams coach at Virginia.

A 1992 graduate of the University of Michigan, Brown played in three Rose Bowls, was an All-Big Ten Safety in '91 and '92 and was the second leading tackler for the Wolverines his senior season with 82 stops.

He originally joined the NFL as a 4th-Round selection by the New England Patriots in '93. He continued his professional career with the Jets ('97-'98) and finishing his playing career with the Detroit Lions ('99-2000). A native of Chicago, IL, Brown attended Julian High School where he was an All-State prep football player and lettered in football and track and field.

ROB IANELLO

WIDE RECEIVERS/RECRUITING COORDINATOR

Rob Ianello arrived at Notre Dame with a reputation as one of the most dynamic assistant coaches in college football, and he's only enhanced that reputation after two seasons as wide receivers coach and recruiting coordinator for the Irish. He has been a major contributor to Notre Dame's startling aerial success over the last two years as he developed a wide receivers corps that posted record numbers.

Ianello's acumen as a top recruiter was recognized in February when Rivals.com ranked him second in a listing of the nation's top 25 college football recruiters. Ianello helped coordinate a recruiting class that consensus ranked in the nation's top 10.

Prior to coaching at Notre Dame, Ianello spent six seasons at Wisconsin, nine seasons at Arizona and three seasons at Alabama. A native of Port Chester, N.Y., Robert S. Ianello is a 1987 graduate of The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., with a bachelor's degree in English.

JAPPY OLIVER

DEFENSIVE LINE

In his 27th season as a college assistant coach, Jerome "Jappy" Oliver has led a productive defensive line for Notre Dame in 2006 that combines speed off the edge and explosiveness up the middle.

Before joining the Irish in 2005, Oliver served as the defensive line coach at South Carolina during the 2003-04 seasons. Prior to that, Oliver served at Air Force for eight seasons. From 1991-94 Oliver served on the staff at Vanderbilt, where he helped the Commodores defense set school records for quarterback sacks in consecutive seasons.

Coach Oliver began his coaching career in 1978 at Davison (Mich.) High School (near his hometown of Flint) where he coached the defensive backfield and wide receivers. He returned to his alma mater, Purdue University, as a graduate assistant coach in 1979-80 and then coached at Eastern Michigan from 1981-82 and Northeastern in 1983. Jappy coached defensive linemen at the Naval Academy from 1984-86 and also has coaching experience at Grand Valley State and Western Illinois.

RON POWLUS

QUARTERBACKS

The 2006 football season marked Ron Powlus' second year working with the Notre Dame football program. He has recently been named the quarterbacks coach, and will take over those duties starting this spring. He has served as the director of personnel development for the past two seasons. Formerly Notre Dame's career leader in football passing yardage, pass attempts, completions and touchdown passes, Powlus joined the Irish staff in March of 2005. His duties have primarily involved administration of Irish recruiting efforts.

A four-year starter at quarterback for the Irish from 1994-97, Powlus joined the Irish football staff after spending three years in the business world, working in the healthcare and home mortgage industries. A native of Berwick, Pa., Powlus was a two-time Irish captain who set 20 school records at Notre Dame.

Powlus originally signed as a free agent in 1998 with the NFL Tennessee Oilers and then was on the Detroit Lions' preseason roster in '99 and the Philadelphia Eagles' roster in 2000. He played with the NFL Europe Amsterdam Admirals in the spring of 2000. A high school standout at Berwick High School, Powlus was the Parade prep player of the year in '92 and the USA Today offensive prep player of the year.

MICHAEL HAYWOOD

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/RUNNING BACKS

Completing his second season at his alma mater, Mike Haywood continues to display why he is one of the brightest young coaches in college football. Already possessed with a sparkling resume, Haywood continues to add to it by effectively blending young, fresh players with a talented veteran core.

A key figure in Notre Dame's offensive explosion in 2005, Haywood was named NCAA Division 1-A Assistant Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association. The honor recognized not only Haywood's outstanding coaching credentials, but also his stellar work in the community throughout his coaching career.

Haywood's return to familiar turf in South Bend was the latest stop in a successful career as one of college football's top assistant coaches. A four-year football letterman at Notre Dame (1982, 1984-86), Haywood joined the Irish staff after serving two highly successful seasons at the University of Texas, eight seasons at Louisiana State University, two seasons each at Ball State, Ohio University and Army and one season as a graduate assistant at the University of Minnesota.

BERNIE PARMALEE

TIGHT ENDS

The Notre Dame tight ends have flourished in two years under tight ends coach Bernie Parmalee's guidance in head coach Charlie Weis' offense. Parmalee also played an important role on special teams, helping Notre Dame produce a consistent opportunistic unit that produced two touchdowns (both on punt returns), three blocked punts and two blocked field goals.

Before joining the Irish in 2005, Parmalee finished his third season as a member of the Dolphins' staff and his first as Miami tight end coach in 2004. He spent the 2003 season as an assistant special teams/offensive assistant with the Dolphins. He embarked on his NFL coaching career in 2002 as Miami's assistant special teams coach after a nine-year playing career, including the first seven (1992-98) with the Dolphins and the final two (1999-2000) with the New York Jets.

Parmalee was a four-year starter (1987-90) as a running back under coach Paul Schudel at Ball State where he remains the Cardinals' all-time leading rusher with 3,483 yards and 26 touchdowns. A native of Jersey City, N.J., Bernard Parmalee lettered in football (once) and baseball (three times) at Lincoln (N.J.) High School.

JOHN LATINA

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH (OFFENSE)/OFFENSIVE LINE

Notre Dame coach John Latina has brought a hard-nosed attitude and a strong depth of experience to the Irish staff. A key figure in Notre Dame's offensive explosion in 2005 and 2006, Latina assisted head coach Charlie Weis as the Irish attack shattered numerous records. Meanwhile, his work with the Irish offensive line was a key component in yielding those impressive results.

The 2006 season is Latina's 25th as an assistant coach. Latina joined the Irish in '05 after spending six seasons at the University of Mississippi as offensive line coach and coordinated the Rebels' highly successful offense for five years. Prior to joining the Ole Miss staff, Latina was an assistant coach at Clemson for five years (1994-98), working with the offensive line and helping teams to three bowl appearances.

A 1981 graduate of Virginia Tech and native of New Castle, PA, Latina also spent three seasons coaching at Virginia Tech, one season at Pittsburgh, six seasons at Temple and five seasons at Kansas State.

RUBEN MENDOZA

STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COORDINATOR

The 2006 season is Ruben Mendoza's second football season working with the Fighting Irish football team. Named the University of Notre Dame's strength and conditioning coordinator in January of 2005, Mendoza joined the Irish staff after four years as coordinator of strength and conditioning at the University of Mississippi.

Mendoza was assistant director of strength, speed and conditioning for four years at Clemson University before taking over at Ole Miss in January of 2001. Prior to joining the Clemson staff in June of 1997, Mendoza served as head strength and conditioning coordinator at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. He was the defensive line coach/assistant strength and conditioning coach at Presbyterian College during the 1992 season and served as graduate assistant strength and conditioning coach at the University of South Carolina.

A Kodak All-America offensive lineman in 1985 while playing at Wayne State (Neb.), he also earned NAIA All-America and CSIC all-conference first-team honors and was a team captain. He spent three seasons in the National Football League as an offensive guard, playing for the Green Bay Packers (1986), Miami Dolphins (1987) and Phoenix Cardinals (1988).

BRIAN POLIAN

LINEBACKERS

Under special teams coach Brian Polian's guidance, the Irish special teams have been an opportunistic and aggressive component of the Notre Dame attack. Before joining the Notre Dame coaching staff, Polian spent 2004 as running backs coach and recruiting coordinator at Central Florida. He previously served three years at the University of Buffalo as running backs coach and special teams coordinator. Polian returned for a second stint at Buffalo after spending the previous two seasons at Baylor where he coached strongside linebackers as a defensive graduate assistant and served as special teams assistant.

A graduate of John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio, he lettered three years at linebacker and was named to the all-Ohio Athletic Conference team in 1996.

Twice an All-Western New York player and a 2004 inductee into the St. Francis High School Hall of Fame, Polian had previously coached at Buffalo during the 1998 season when he served as tight ends and assistant offensive line coach. Prior to joining the Buffalo staff, Polian served as offensive graduate assistant at Michigan State.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

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Registration & Exhibitions
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