1992). We passed the bill in six weeks from start to finish ... which was amazing ... I can't give a specific (low point), I can

give you a scenario low point. (I) sat there and listened to person after person and hearing after hearing ... having these

horrendous things being said ... Walking out of the Statehouse, having them mutter 'faggot' and stuff under their breath ... made me angry enough that I was back there at 9:00 the next morning saying, 'You're not gonna get rid of me. You can stomp on me. You can sort of kick me around. But I'm not going away ... I'm going to be in you face. I'm going to be your worst nightmare. I'm going to be a queer with access to the political process."



Cherie Tartt (second from left) -Drag Queen and host of the
Conference's Lunchtime Fashion
Show, Burlington

"The idea (of the Conference) is great. I think it's fantastic ... I think it's really amazing that you get all these people from all over the state here ... Trying to set aside a day like this to connect and network with the rest of the state is very important to the community. ... I hope these day long conferences are like a booster shot for the various organizations

around the state, to get people revitalized, more people interested.

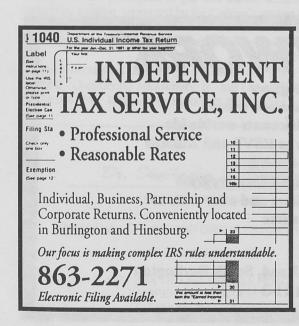
"(The most important aspect of the Conference is) looking for a boyfriend. I'm still single and there are hundreds of people from all over the state, and hopefully one of them is looking for a girlfriend. And fashion is very important. If I don't look good, I don't go out. When I was involved in various organizations, if they didn't have a good T-shirt, I didn't join them."

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