Chelsea Clinton Speaks on Campus Feb. 1

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Chelsea Clinton, daughter of former President Bill Clinton and Democratic Presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton, visited Cal Poly Friday evening to talk to students, faculty, staff and community members about her mother's campaign and to urge Californians to get out and vote in Tuesday's primary election.

The crowd gathered in University Union Plaza starting at about 5 p.m. Clinton arrived shortly before 5:30 as the sun fell, and spoke for an hour. After a brief greeting, Clinton took questions from the crowd as students passed the microphone.

The former first daughter then posed for photos with Cal Poly students and community members.

"I love you Chelsea!" one Cal Poly (male) student shouted as she took the stage in the UU.

"Thank you! I can't say the same thing at the moment. Maybe, after time..." she shrugged, getting a laugh from the crowd.

Cal Poly students had questions about healthcare, Iraq, education -- and whether the youngest Clinton would ever run for office herself.

"No," she said in a split-second after that question was asked, eliciting more laughter. She's happy with her career in finance in New York and more comfortable with numbers, she explained.

"I went to math camp in high school, which I don't think is exactly the hallmark of coolness," she added.

However, her math camp confession brought clapping from the Cal Poly crowd.

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The crowd in the University Union waits for Chelsea
ASI President Brandon Souza, Chelsea Clinton and Provost William Durgin stop for a snapshot in the University Union.

Chelsea Clinton poses for photos with students after her remarks in UU plaza Friday, Feb. 1.
Students surround Chelsea Clinton for photos and autographs after her remarks in UU Plaza at Cal Poly Friday.