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This black and white image shows a photograph that appears to be adhered to a black piece of paper, perhaps a page in a scrapbook. In the photo, nine women stand in front of the White House fence picketing for suffrage. It seems to be a cold day: the trees are bereft of leaves and all of the women are wearing long dresses and coats and hats. Their clothing is dark in color, which contrasts with the white banners they wear across their chests printed with the name of the college or university they attended. The women are also carrying flags and two signs. One sign reads "Mr. President how long must women wait for liberty" and the other reads "Mr. President what will you do for woman suffrage." On the page above the photo, someone has written: "The first picket line College Day in the picket line - Feb. 1917"



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