even though preston court has not suffered any major structural change over the years, some interior walls have been modified, converting original storage space into new or larger basement units. these transformations are common in many residences around preston heights, where basement spaces have been converted for use as student accommodations, in response to the shortage of student housing provided by the university of virginia.
many of the basement units can now be accessed from both the interior stair cores and the courtyard space, breaking the social segregation created by the original design.