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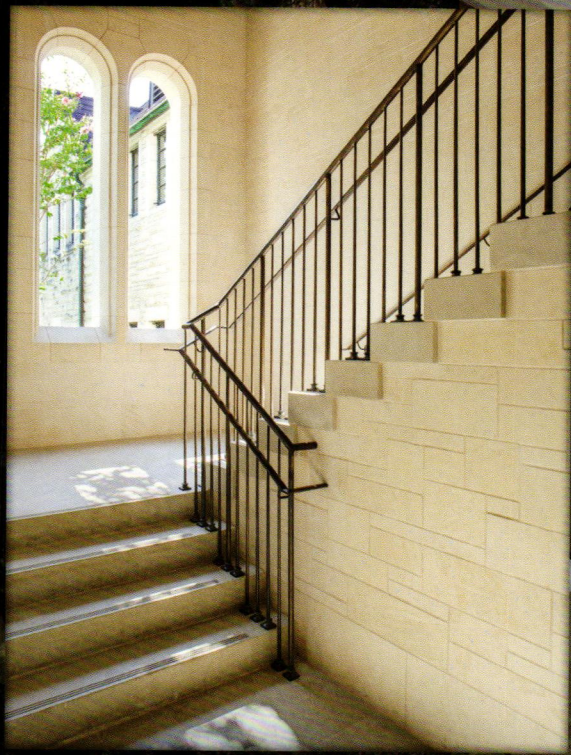
"Limestone from Texas Quarries was the critical path on this 16-month project. School administrators signed off on early shop tickets and drawings, even before the contract was completed. Texas Quarries dedicated a sizable team of craftsmen to the project throughout construction.

"The character of the stone was important because we had no pattern to match from the existing stone, but rather a series of rules as to how the cleft units went together. We worked with the scale of openings, eave heights, and other cues from the original building, although we had to create new forms with greater volumes. We honored the spirit of the original details, including arches that are self-supporting within a steel frame structure.

"To address the large dining hall, historical precedent was instructive, allowing us to break down one space into smaller compartments with different ambiances. We were inspired by the Hall of Christ Church at Oxford for stone details and use of color in floors and ceilings, Baker College Commons at Rice University for scale and classical proportions to make a great room, and especially the Trumbull College Dining Hall at Yale for one-story side aisles that allow clerestory windows above.

"Working with Texas Quarries was fantastic. The shop drawing process is so clear that we always know design to fabrication to building will go beautifully."

*– Russell Windham, principal, and Michael Driskill, project manager
Curtis & Windham Architects, Houston*



New construction seamlessly complements the original 1946 building (top right).



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