



Galveston, Tarleton schools have widely differing focus

With only 600 students, Texas A&M University at Galveston, shown in an aerial view at the top left of this page, has been compared — favorably — to a small town. The 100-acre campus is sparsely dotted with eight "hurricane safe" concrete buildings.

One of the best known features of Texas A&M at Galveston, a school offering programs in seamanship and marine resources, is the Texas Clipper, left. The Clipper, a 15,000-ton Merchant Marine training ship, carries cadets on summer training cruises.

Texas A&M at Galveston was created in 1959 as the Texas Maritime Academy, part of the Texas A&M System. When the System Board of Regents established the Moody College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources in 1971, the maritime academy was made a part of the new college. The name was changed to Texas A&M at Galveston in 1981.

Above right, is a marker at an en-

trance to Tarleton State University, another Texas A&M System member. The chain-link fences marking construction sites makes Tarleton State look much like Texas A&M.

Located about 65 miles southwest of Fort Worth, the 120-acre campus in Stephenville is the home of more than 4,600 students studying fields such as liberal arts, agriculture, business and education.

Tarleton has been a member of the System since 1917. It was founded in 1899 as John Tarleton College through a bequest by John Tarleton, an Erath County resident.

It was known as John Tarleton Agricultural College until 1949 when the name was changed to Tarleton State College to better reflect Tarleton's growth in the field of liberal arts.

Tarleton recently made headlines when a former professor filed a \$10.5 million lawsuit against the Texas A&M System.

In the lawsuit, Dr. James W.

Shores, a former assistant professor of social science, claims he was denied tenure at Tarleton "because of his race, black, and because of his exercise of rights guaranteed by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution in challenging the traditions and existence of the Purple Poo on behalf of himself and in behalf of black students."

The Purple Poo, shown below right, is a student spirit organization in which members wear purple hoods and robes and members' identities are kept secret. The Purple Poo is the oldest student organization on campus.

"The purpose is to encourage student participation in anything school sponsored," Maurice Hamonn, president of the male division of the Purple Poo, said.

The Clyde H. Wells Fine Arts Center, below left, and the Tarleton State stadium, bottom, also are pictured.

