National PTA to hold 85th annual meeting

United Press International Add to your "some things that enever change" list: booze and drugs as a problem for kids and teenagers.

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•The National PTA, at its 1982 annual meeting in Nashville, Tenn., this coming weekend, in the latest move against the teenage — and younger — drinking problem, will ask its affiliates to push for a drinking age of 21 everywhere in

America.

The PTA also, in its newest step against drugs, will urge delegates to endorse a campaign against potentially hazardous look-alike drugs — things "delistrately modes as seen ble campaign against potentially hazardous look-alike drugs — things "delistrately modes as seen ble campaign". berately made to resemble controlled dangerous substances."

Ju Signs are that the twin attrac-

tions - narcotics and alcohol strangle and mangle the wills and anatomy of susceptible contemporary kids in the same way they did at the turn of the century.
-!! But there are differences.

Users back then were regarded as drunks or dope addicts, who "sinned" through weakness of character. Today's kids in alcohol and drug troubles are regarded as victims, not sinners.

Of The chemical in pills or drinks puff up the ego or macer-ate it, give illusions of grandeur or insignificance.
Chemicals also make users

black out, rage, stagger, fall, turn sexually maniacal or impotent or cause trouble driving — bringing on sleep or a lack of heeding speed and other regula-

The chemical abusers are sick, say therapists at numerous treatment centers for "substance abusers" or "chemical abuse."

The proposed resolutions on alcohol and drugs are among six to be presented at the National PTA Convention and voted on Sunday. Others concern television viewing, blood pressure screening, social security stu-dent benefits and missing chil-

Here are excerpts from the resolutions on drinking and

Disabled get unequal treatment

United Press International BALTIMORE, Md. — A new survey among the disabled indicates that boys and girls with similar mental or physical disabilities do not receive equal education.

"A double pattern of discrimination is apparent," says Katherine Corbett, coordinator

"Mentally retarded girls and women are less likely to receive appropriate special education, while physically disabled women are more likely to be isolated into special institutions where their educations are inferior to

public schools.
"Both patterns limit a woman's ability to reach her maximum potential as a productive and independent individual, and both result largely from a widespread assumption that males must become selfsupporting while females somehow will be cared for."

Complete findings are scheduled for release at a conference in Baltimore, June 25 to 27.

The nationwide study of

8,000 disabled persons was made by the Disabled Women's Educational Equity Project of the Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund Inc., cosponsor of the meeting. The other sponsor is the Resources on Educational Equity for the Disabled, a program of the Women's Action Alliance Inc.

Now You Know

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•Legal drinking age: Studies by the National Insi-tute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism show that alcohol is involved in 27 percent to 43 percent of the violations by youth •The National PTA at its founding 85 years ago vowed to battle alcohol and drugs, problems fouling up kids of the 1890s.
•The National PTA at its crimes and misdemeanors.

Traffic accidents are the No. 1 cause of death among teenagers, and most of those accidents involve a drinking driver. Teenagers are usually inexperienced at both drinking and all of the ingredients in look-

tional PTA encourage its state develop a tolerance to the look-PTAs to adopt positions and to alike drugs and thereby increase work for legislation that will dosage to a high level, and upon raise the age to 21 for the purch- taking the real thing (controlled ase of alcoholic beverages," the dangerous substance), can easily resolution states.

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the problem," the resolution

A second leg of the resolution asks member PTAs to work on legislation declaring that the advertising, sale, manufacture, delivery and-or possession of look-alike drugs unlawful.

The resolution on television

viewing, from the PTA Commission on Education, asks schools to install viewing skills courses. It also urges parents and teachers to help children limit the amount of television watched and to be selective.

The resolution on blood- growing problem. pressure screening urges PTAs to ask schools to record annual blood pressure measurement on the child's permanent health record, notifying parents when appropriate follow-up is appropriate

The resolution on missing children notes that missing children fall into a gray area of classification since they may be runaways, lost, abducted by an cation students who are this estranged parent or kidnapped. It notes that abduction of chil-

dren by estranged parents is a

PTA to urge law enforce agencies to standardize p dures for entering a mi child's name in the Nati Crime Information Center.

The resolution on & Security Student Benefits the PTA to support aid thro of retired, disabled, or dece parents through a form based on financial need.





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