

Wants Halfway Houses for Bush

Gene Guess, Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate said at a meeting in the Native Center in Fairbanks that more treatment facilities and halfway houses are needed for people who suffer from alcoholism, especially in rural Alaska.

"Alcoholism is one of the most serious diseases of the Al-

askan people, and it is perhaps felt worst in rural Alaska. We must treat alcoholism as the illness it is, and to do this we need more facilities.

"We have to establish more treatment centers and halfway houses for people who are trying to re-establish themselves in the community. For this purpose we must have increased federal funding through the Public Health Service and agencies such

as the Rural Alaska Community Action Program. Some absolutely must be found to replace Title IV funds which have been lost.

"Federal funds must be allocated also directly to agencies such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Department of Health, Education & Welfare, specifically for the treatment of persons with alcohol related problem," Guess said.