

## Wald wins EMA 2 scholarship



*Steve Wald beside one of the three ambulances at Wald Ambulance.*

Steve Wald, owner of Wald Ambulance, was one of 16 students to complete the provincial Emergency Medical Assistant 2 (EMA 2) training course at Wascana Institute, and has won a scholarship of \$240 for having the highest academic marks in the class.

The EMA 2 course taught paramedic skills to qualified ambulance personnel with EMA 1 qualifications. Two of the students were from Wascana Institute.

Mr. Wald, with his advanced paramedic training, will be able to give more complete life-saving procedures at the scene of an accident or life threatening situation.

The heart monitor units, bought by Assiniboia and district in 1983, will now

be able to be fully utilized by Mr. Wald. Before taking the course only doctors could use the defibrillator. The defibrillator shocks the heart back to its normal rhythm. He will also be able to administer most drugs, with the permission of a doctor, and insert tracheal tubes, which greatly increases a patient's chance of survival after extreme trauma or cardiac arrest.

"I was fortunate in that I could take the training. Only 16 from the general public were admitted." Mr. Wald attributes his acceptance to the course in large part to his ambulance having such things as the heart monitor and other advanced life-saving equipment donated by the community.