



## Graduate Students Ben Bass and Emily McDonald ...

Were selected to give presentations at the *Society for the Study of Reproduction* (SSR) in Quebec City - July 2005

The photo at left shows graduate students Ben Bass and Emily McDonald fighting over who will speak first at SSR! Both Ben and Emily completed their Master's Degrees in August 2005.

The title of Emily's abstract is: *Divergent activity of GnRH receptor (GnRH) gene promoters among lines of swine is partially conferred by an NF-kB Element.*

The title of Ben's abstract is: *Responsiveness of gonadotropin-releasing hormone receptor (GnRH) and gonadotropin subunit gene expression following treatment with a GnRH antagonist in lines of swine divergent for ovulation rate.*

To view Ben's publication entitled: *Regulation of Pituitary Gene Expression in Lines of Swine with Different Ovulation Rates.* Available for viewing in the:

[Nebraska Swine Report](#)

**Benjamin Bass**

*Reproductive Physiology Lab Alumni*

Education: B.S., Animal Science, University of Missouri - Columbia, M.S., Animal Science, University of Nebraska, 2005

Master's Thesis entitled: "*Analysis of GnRH Responsive anterior pituitary genes in lines of swine divergent for ovulation rate.*"

Currently pursuing a PhD at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville

**Emily McDonald-Creamer**

*Reproductive Physiology Lab Alumni*

Education: B.S., Animal Science, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, 2003, M.S., University of Nebraska, 2005

Master's Thesis entitled: *Transcriptional regulation of the GnRH receptor gene in lines of swine divergent for ovulation rate.* Currently pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of Kansas Medical Center.