1096-57-1420 **Stefan Friedl** and **Daniel S Silver*** (silver@southalabama.edu), Department of Mathematics and Statistics, ILB, Mobile, AL 36688, and **Susan G Williams**. *Splittings of knot groups.*

Let $K$ be a knot of genus $g$. If $K$ is fibered, then it is well known that the knot group $\pi(K)$ splits only over a free group of rank $2g$. We show that if $K$ is not fibered, then $\pi(K)$ splits over non-free groups of arbitrarily large rank. Furthermore, if $K$ is not fibered, then $\pi(K)$ splits over every free group of rank at least $2g$. However, $\pi(K)$ cannot split over a group of rank less than $2g$. The last statement is proved using the recent results of Agol, Przytycki–Wise and Wise. (Received September 15, 2013)