Potholes plague campus roads

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Recent rainfall in Tucson has left streets on campus torn up and full of holes, but workers are promising to patch reported potholes within 24 hours.

A lot of patched road areas are deteriorating because of the heavy rains, but that’s nothing out of the ordinary, said Chris Kopach, environmental services associate director in Facilities Management.

Facilities Management has a crew who will repair any reported areas within 24 hours, Kopach said.

To prevent a hazard caused by the broken asphalt, a street sweeper cleans UA roads each weekday from 4 p.m. to midnight to remove any hazardous material, Kopach said.

For the roads on campus owned by the City of Tucson, Facilities Management contacts the city on a daily basis until those roads are repaired, Kopach said.

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Eller namesake promotes book

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Business majors were in for a treat when the college’s namesake spoke and promoted his new book.

More than 350 students packed into Berger Auditorium last night to hear local businessman Karl Eller talk about his new book, “Integrity Is All You’ve Got.”

Eller began his 50-minute discourse with the reason he established the Eller School of Business.

“I had such a tough time raising sales take off. fail anyone with copies of the notes did only when a professor threatened to declare bankruptcy, that he knew integrity was the key to success,” Eller said.

As the Chief Executive Officer of Circle K during the 1980s and early ’90s, Eller said it was a confluence of events that led to dire financial problems.

He said a competitor selling gas at a loss and new real estate tax laws contributed to the financial problems of Circle K.

“All hell broke loose,” Eller said.

After losing his job, Eller vowed not to declare bankruptcy, even if it meant losing his seaside home in La Jolla, Calif.

“I had to work my way out of this,” Eller said.

Eller said he visited with his lawyer and every creditor he had to make

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Dead day still alive this spring

Final exam schedule remains unchanged

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Dead day is still alive and well, at least for this semester.

Administration officials discussed changes last semester to the final exam schedule including a possible elimination of dead day, but decided not to rearrange it for spring semester.

Several graduating students in past years have argued the last day of final exams, which always falls on a Friday, conflicts with other university activities such as graduation ceremonies, said Juan Garcia, vice provost of academic affairs.

“Some colleges spread events over a two-day period,” he said. “Secondly, families are in town for graduation, and students want to spend time with them.”

Garcia said student leaders brought those concerns to the president’s Cabinet and as a result, administrators came up with three suggestions so finals would not be held on the last Friday.

The proposals included shortening passing periods between finals, holding exams on the first Saturday during finals week and eliminating dead day, which gives students an extra day to study before finals begin.

“We’ve looked at a number of options but none have been workable,” Garcia said.

The suggestions were presented to the undergraduate council, a committee of the Faculty Senate, but members voted them all down.

If administrators cancelled dead day, finals would begin the day after classes end, Garcia said, but will not happen with the next year because the schedule has