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PRISON CHAPLAIN, AUTHOR
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The author of "Death Row Chaplain" will tell of 15 years of service as Protestant chaplain at San Quentin in an address at the University of Montana Music Recital Hall 8 p.m. Tuesday (Jan. 10).

Byron E. Eshelman, who served as chaplain at Alcatraz prior to his current assignment, is a strong opponent of capital punishment and an advocate of the scientific approach in studying social conditions that breed crime.

His book, published in 1962, is an account of life on Death Row and an analysis of capital punishment as a deterrent to crime.

Rev. Eshelman was born in 1915 in Red Cloud, Neb. and is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ. He is a graduate of the Yale Divinity School, the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley and Kansas State Teachers College.

In addition to his work at San Quentin, Rev. Eshelman is Chief Chaplain of the California Department of Correction and is a past president of the American Correction Association.

Benjamin W. Wright, sociology lecturer and criminology specialist at the University of Montana, will introduce the chaplain. His address, which is open to the public, is sponsored by the ASUM Program Council and the University Public Exercises Committee.

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