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**SARAJEVO SEEMS A WORLD AWAY FROM KOSOVO FIGHTING,
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It's not that the residents of Sarajevo are callous and cold about the fighting in Kosovo. After years of war, they just can't rouse much interest in a battle that's not in their own backyard, says a University of Dayton professor who returned two weeks ago from a trip to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

"One of my friends there, a professor, said they'd start to worry about it when and if the American embassy starts emptying out," said Charles Russo, professor of educational administration and fellow in the Center for International Programs at UD. Russo returned in early March from his fifth trip to Sarajevo, where he delivered a series of lectures on religion, special education, juvenile delinquency and school administration to faculty and students at the University of Sarajevo. His next trip is planned for May.

The 150-to-200-mile distance — and the difficulty in traveling that distance — keeps the fighting in Kosovo far removed from the hearts and minds of people in Sarajevo, he said. It takes five or six hours to cover the distance by car, he said.

"They're tired of war. They feel bad about the people in Kosovo, but they don't think it will spread to Sarajevo," Russo said. "It's still a very well-fortified city. There are military all over the place.

"It's not a matter of not caring. I'm sure their hearts go out to them. But people in Sarajevo are so burned out from the last war, they just don't want to think about it."

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