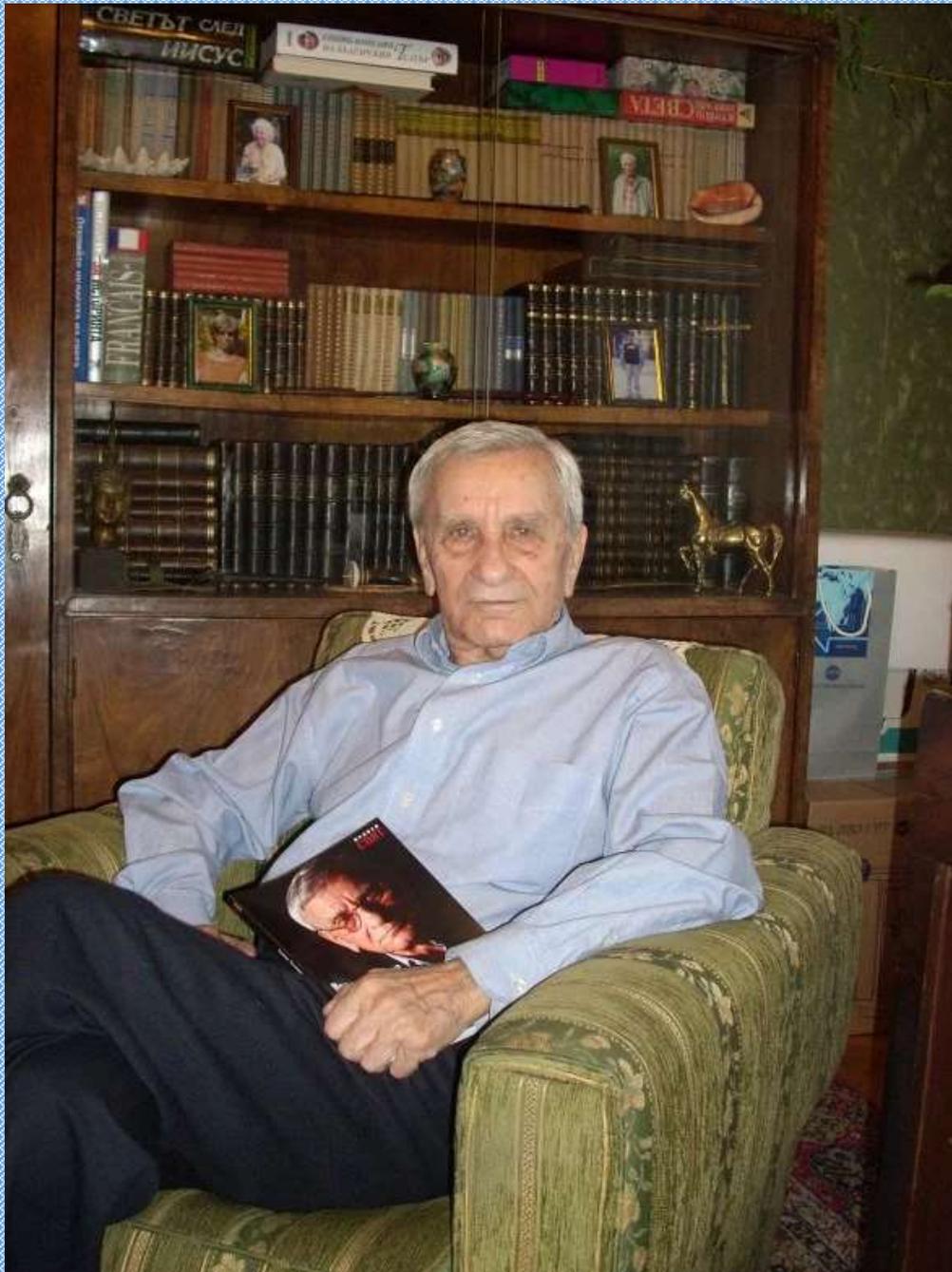




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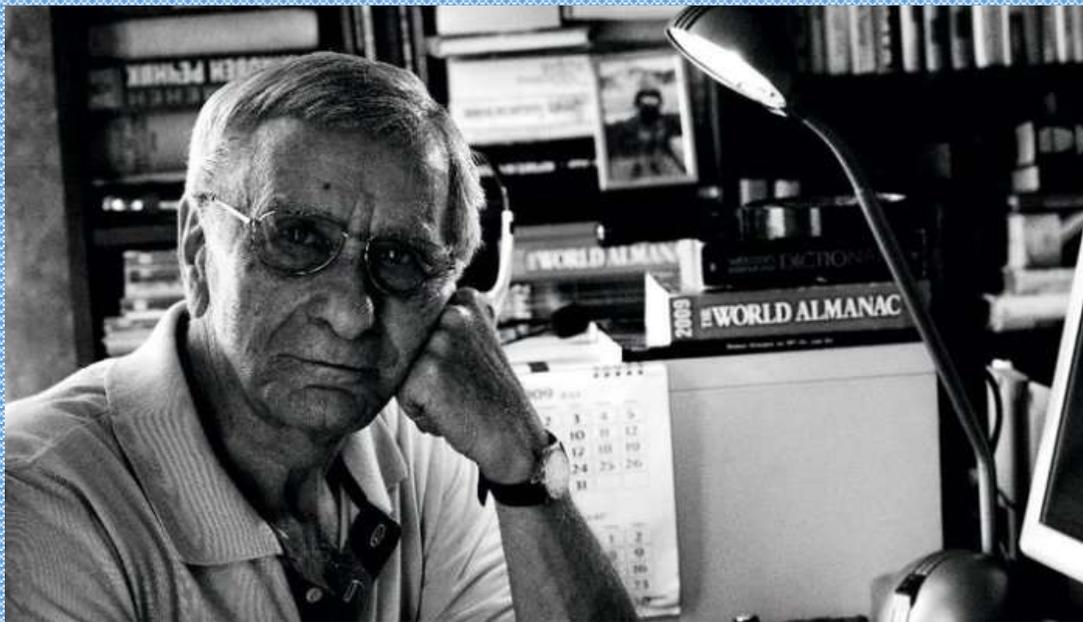
(19 February 1919- 2 March 2016) was a Bulgarian journalist and translator. He became the oldest active journalist in the world before his death and is a well-known figure in Bulgarian culture



# AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SOFIA IN MEMORIAM: Petko Bocharov '38

**Petko Bocharov** of the Class of 1938 passed away on March 2, 2016 at the age of 97. He was one of the most prominent graduates of the College to this day. After graduating from the College, he studied Law and started working as an **English translator at the Bulgarian Telegraph Agency (BTA)**, and later became the Agency's deputy editor-in-chief. He has often been **called the doyen of Bulgarian journalism**. He will be remembered for his bright mind and quick tongue.





## The 1938 Bor

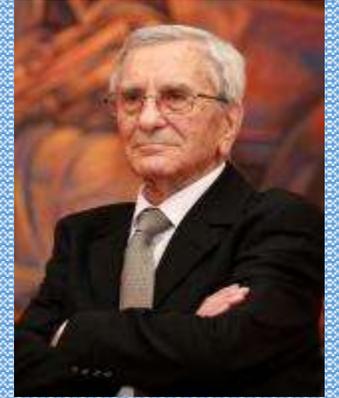
### PETKO BOCHAROV

We for some time considered him the Tarzan of our class. He was a naughty child, who gave much entertainment to his tutors and teachers, especially to the one after whom he was nicknamed. Later he began to draw Micky-Mouse pictures on the black-boards for the amusement of all, and he continued this practice even after he became prominent on the stage. He has been a member of quite a number of organizations, and in the Senior year he protected the honour of the Dramatic Association, whose president he was. Having a well proportioned, developed body, he is a good sportsman but prefers acrobatics and is a master in it. An artist, an actor, elegance itself, having a kind soul and heart and a good sense of humour, we like him very much as our friend, and, they say, the girls like him much better, for what reason we do not know. As far as we remember he has taken free trips to Sofia, has had a wide correspondence, and (if it is true) he has been very fond of domestic animals — especially cats.





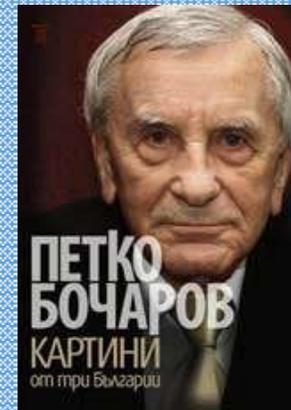
# Memories



When I received my diploma and when a girl paid attention to me – I was in eighth grade, she was in the ninth. She even wrote a love letter to me (at the time, girls and boys did not study together, and we were forbidden to communicate with each other – the only way was to write letters and notes). This girl had very interesting eyes – they had a hint of yellow, like the eyes of a cat. Even in the Yearbook of my class, next to my picture there is a text saying, among other things, that I was very fond of domestic animals – especially cats.

*A day before his 91st birthday on February 19th, 2010, prominent Bulgarian journalist and College alumnus Petko Bocharov '38 presented his book “Sights from three Bulgarias” to journalists and friends at the Press Club of BTA. In the book he combines his memoirs with documentary pictures of Bulgaria’s history during the three regimes his life passes through.*

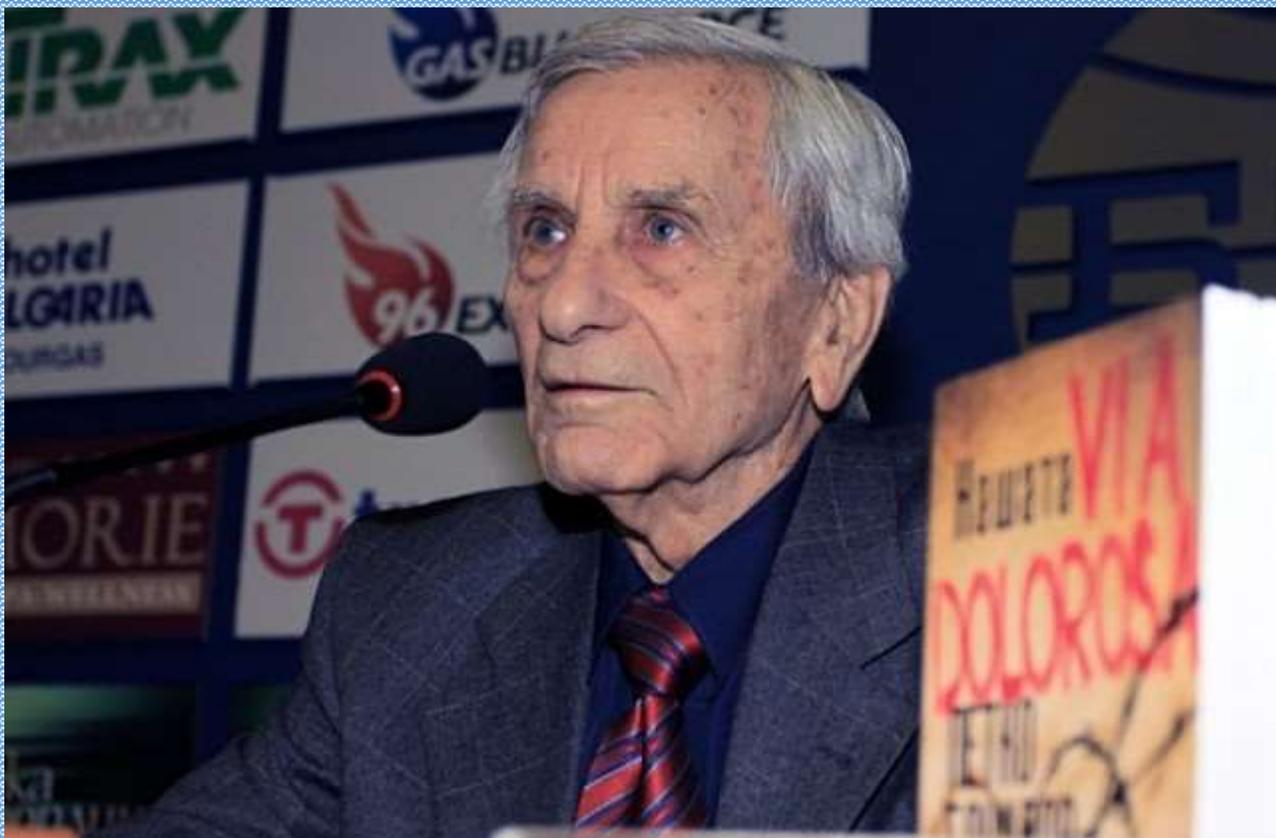
*Below some excerpts from the chapter dedicated to the College, translated by Petia Ivanova '97 [->](#)*

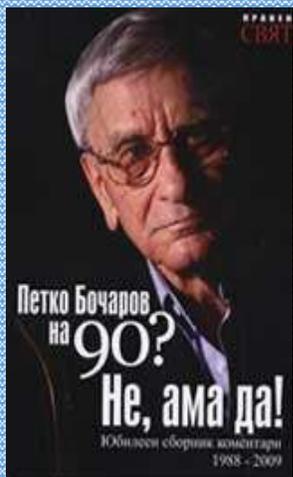


# You graduated the College in 1938. What feelings does the school call within you?

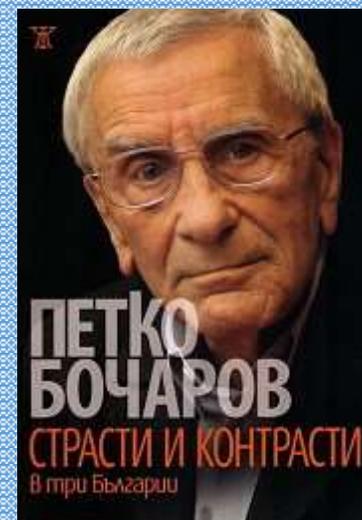
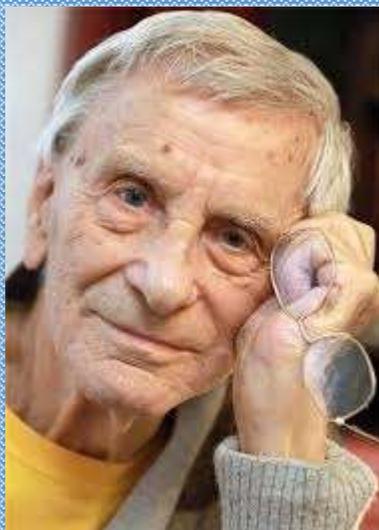
- Great gratitude! This is the place where I first encountered new principles and values that I started to compare trying to evaluate which ones to accept and which ones not. Let us also keep in mind that I was a student in a period which happened to be very interesting. It was the time of culmination of fascism in Europe and nothing could remain unresponsive to the epidemic.
- For myself, I formed my worldview throughout my stay at the College. The major influences for me were the atmosphere and the teachers.







Yes, But No!



# Used links:

- <http://www.sbj-bg.eu/index.php?t=30779>
- <https://acs1860.wordpress.com/2016/03/02/in-memori-am-petko-bocharov-38/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MTnbNV5uzPM>