THIRD GENERAL CATALOGUE OF MK SPECTRAL CLASSIFICATIONS

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For the convenience of astronomers who need information concerning certain stars but prefer not to search through hundreds of research articles in the hope of finding it, a file of MK spectral types and UBV photoelectric photometry is maintained at Dearborn Observatory. A generous donor made possible the publication in 1974 of a listing of approximately 17,000 IBM cards of data compiled by Pamela M. Kennedy and William Buscombe during 1963-1973.

A sequel nearing completion will include for a similar number of additional stars:

col.	1-3	indication of multiplicity from spectroscopic
		observations
	6-11	designation in the order of preference:
		Henry Draper Catalog,
		Durchmusterung number,
		Chart number for stars in clusters,
		Variable star name
	14-20	right ascension 2000
	23-28	declination 2000
	32-45	MK spectral type, luminosity class, peculiarity
	48-50	reference number for classification
	53-57	V magnitude
	59-63	B-V colour index
	65-69	U-B colour index
	72-74	reference number for photometry
	75-80	notes in the order of preference:
		- indication of multiplicity from photometric
		observations,

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- variable star name, or alternative designation,
- name of cluster for proven member stars

The selection of objects for inclusion is based on recently published journals, with special attention to nearby stars, binary systems, variable stars, x-ray sources, supergiants, members of galactic star clusters and the Magellanic Clouds.

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NOTE: Since Dr. Buscombe was unable to attend the meeting, only this abstract is provided.