

Discovering Chicxulub; March 1990-September 1991 Collaboration with the U of A Grad Students

- Submission for publication with U of A group to Nature is rejected. Nature's NASA reviewer Sharpton comments "*Unfortunately the only thing original (in this paper) is the unpronounceable name Chicxulub*". I specifically chose 'Chicxulub' (meaning 'tail of the devil' in Mayan) rather than 'Yucatan' or 'Merida' for the craters' name in order to 'tweak the noses' of the experts who have been ignoring it for 10 years- now they will need to learn to pronounce it! (I hope it takes them another 10 years-but it doesn't) Paper accepted by Geology and published September 1991
- I naively agree to grad student Hildebrand being first author- What was I thinking?

Alan Hildebrand, one of the grad students goes on to claim credit for the crater discovery.